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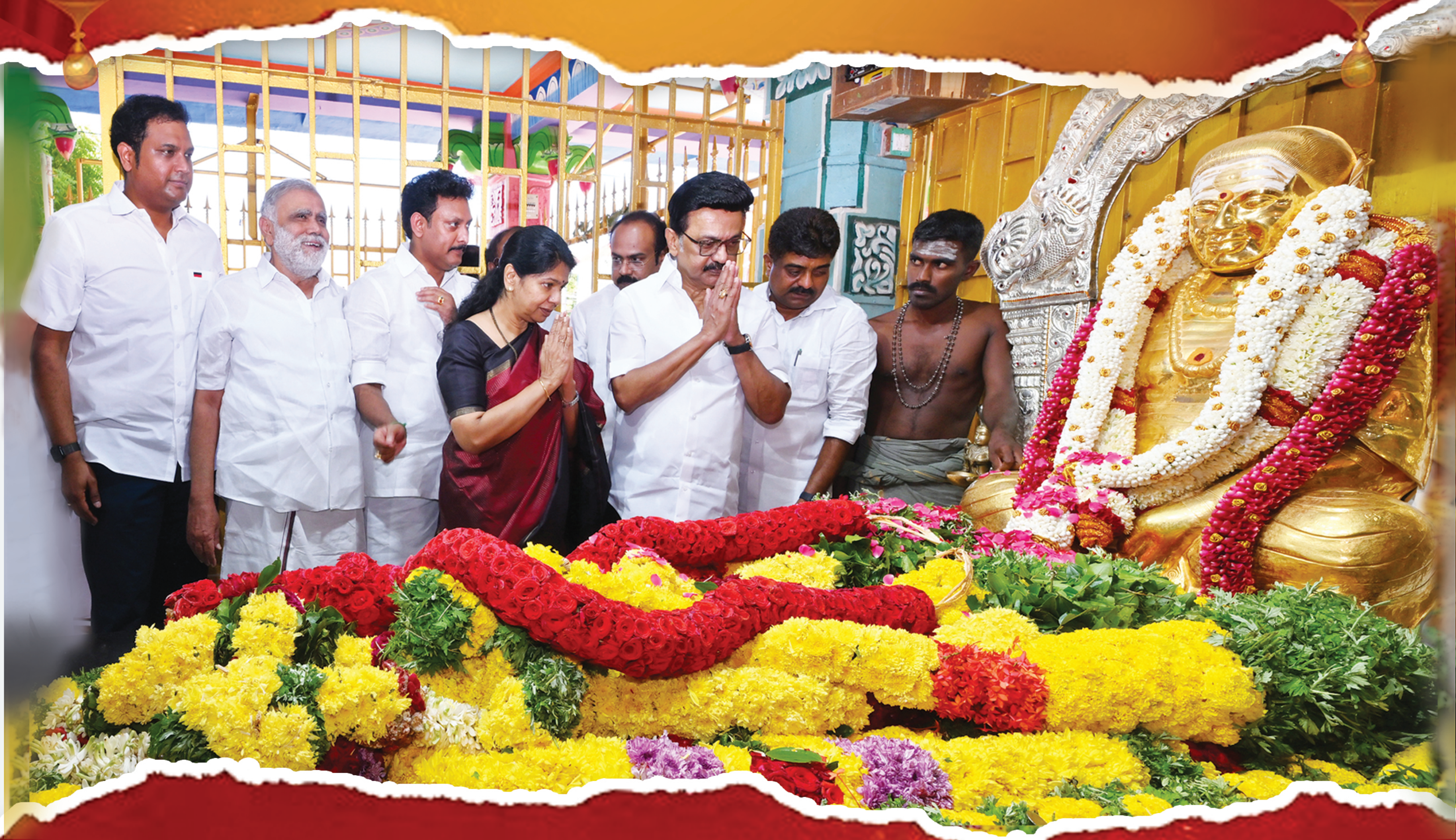

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, garlanded the statue of **Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar** at his memorial, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu and paid homage, on the occasion of the 118th birth anniversary and Guru Puja at Pasumpon, Ramanathapuram District on 30.10.2025.

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Mental clarity brings development to a person. Good company brings all glory.

- *From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural*...

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FIRST WRAPPER

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, handed over the house-key to the 1,00,000th beneficiary under the 'Kalaignar Kanavu Illam Scheme', Tmt. M. Sumathi, who hails from Elathur Village in Sengottai Panchayat Union of Tenkasi District, on 29.10.2025.

Hon'ble Chief Minister addresses Grama Sabha meetings in panchayats throughout Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin participated in the Grama Sabha meeting through video conferencing - 11.10.2025.

Six Grama Sabha meetings are held every year in Tamil Nadu to make rural people aware of their rights and enable them make demands for the fulfilment of their needs. Additionally, special Grama Sabha meetings are held on certain occasions. As such, Grama Sabha meetings are conducted on January 26, March 22, May 1, August 15, October 2, and November 1.

Considered the most important democratic event in the rural local bodies of Tamil Nadu, the Grama Sabha meetings were held on 11.10.2025 at 11:00 a.m. in all 12,480 Panchayats in the state.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin participated via video conference from his camp office and delivered a special address. In his speech, the

Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized the fact that Grama Sabhas are of fundamental importance to people's participation in governance and stated that rural development plans should be formulated prioritizing the needs of the people, and with social justice and equality.

In this event, the Panchayat Presidents from Chengalpattu District – Kovalam Panchayat, and Tenkasi District – Mullikulam Panchayat, as well as the public from Coimbatore District – Varapatti Panchayat, Viluppuram District – Kondangi Panchayat, and Thanjavur District – Thirumalai Samudram Panchayat, interacted with the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

During these meetings, three essential things to improve the quality of people's lives were identified and approved. Furthermore, with social harmony in mind, resolutions were passed to remove derogatory caste-based names from residences, streets, roads, water bodies, and other public places, and to assign appropriate new names.

Under the 'Thayumanavar Scheme', beneficiaries were identified, and a Poverty Alleviation plan was formulated and sanctioned.

Additionally, in this Grama Sabha meeting, under the theme 'Our Village, Our Government', the following matters were addressed and approved for action:

- Administrative and public financial expenditure in Grama Panchayats for the period from 01.04.2025 to 30.09.2025.
- Audit report of the Grama Panchayats for the year 2024-2025.
- Revenue and work progress under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

* Progress of all Village-level Anna Marumalarchi (Revival) projects.
* Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) (SBM (G) 2.0) initiatives.
* Measures to establish rainwater harvesting structures in rural areas.
* Dengue prevention measures to control mosquito-borne diseases.
* Precautionary actions for the North-East monsoon.
* Measures to ensure that children and adolescents are not engaged in any form of child labour or hazardous work.
* Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) – RSETI Training for rural youth skill development.
* Uploading video/audio recordings of Grama Sabha meetings in the 7,515 selected Grama Panchayats on the Sabhasaar website.
* Preparation and implementation of Grama development plans in Panchayats selected under the 2025-2026 Prime Minister's Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), with approval from the Grama Sabha.

In total, 16 major resolutions were implemented in the Grama Sabha meetings.

The Grama Sabha meetings conducted across the state served as a significant platform to encourage people's participation and strengthen rural development.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, at the event

My warm greetings to all of you.

The backbone of our nation is our villages! That is why our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, said, "The strength of India's freedom lies in its villages" and emphatically stated, "India lives in its villages."

We must develop such villages, strengthen village economies, and empower village administrations. Thinking democratically, we have been implementing several schemes to achieve this! These schemes form the foundation for the development of Tamil Nadu's rural Panchayats. That is why, even when I was the Leader of the Opposition, I continuously participated in Grama Sabha meetings.

With your support, after becoming Chief Minister, I am now participating in a Grama Sabha meeting for the third time. I take pride in saying that no other Chief Minister has participated in Grama Sabha meetings like this! Moreover, for the first time in Tamil Nadu's history, we are connecting over 10,000 Panchayats through video conferencing to conduct a Grama Sabha meeting on such a large scale!

I congratulate Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services, Dr. P.T.R. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, and the officials supporting him for making this possible. My greetings also go to Hon'ble Rural Development Minister, Thiru. I. Periyasamy, and his supporting officials, including Secretary Thiru.Gagandeep Singh Bedi, I.A.S., and other Government officers like Thiru. Ponniah, who all work tirelessly to uplift our villages.

This approach of always working with the people was instilled in us by Tamil Nadu's great leader, Perarignar Anna, who instructed us: "Go to the people, live with them, learn from them, love them, and serve them."

Following the path shown by Perarignar Anna, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar carried forward the Dravidian Movement with a focus on great ideals such as social justice, equality, and fairness.

Following Kalaignar's path, our Dravidian model Government has implemented various initiatives to establish equality, socialism and social justice. The Dravidian model Government has created numerous flagship schemes that serve as a model for the nation!

A major scheme that empowers rural economies and women is that of Women's Self-Help Groups. Many of you have benefited from these SHGs. When I was Deputy Chief Minister, I personally spent many hours distributing revolving funds at public events.

As a next step, we are providing Magalir Urimai Thogai! Think about how the free bus travel scheme contributes immensely to women's advancement.

In the mornings, women need to leave quickly for work while also preparing meals for their kids.We reduced this burden by providing nutritious and tasty breakfasts to our children studying in Government schools.

We are also providing skill development training through the Chief Minister's Skill Development Programme so that our children graduate and are ready for employment. Innovative schemes like 'Pudhumai Penn' and 'Tamil Pudhalvan' have been implemented to ensure children study and advance in life. In this way, our Dravidian model Government is implementing many programs across all sectors.

All these are our flagship schemes! Similarly, we implement several programmes for rural development. Our Government aims to enable villagers to actively participate in Panchayat governance and guide the village on the path of development by providing them with their rightful powers.

For this purpose, Grama Sabha meetings are conducted six times every year. These Grama Sabha meetings are key moments to make people understand the importance of democracy. They must be celebrated as a platform where current village needs, development goals and welfare issues are discussed and resolved directly.

Our Dravidian model Government is building a society based on social justice, equality and self-respect. As part of this, derogatory caste-based names in residences, streets, and lanes are being replaced with appropriate public names.

Under the banner 'Our Village, Our Government', villagers deliberate and select three major issues to be addressed, and the District Administration ensures their prompt implementation.

To achieve a 'Tamil Nadu without thatched huts', the revolutionary scheme 'Kalaignar's Dream Home' was launched with a budget of Rs 7,000 crore to construct two lakh houses over two years. As of 2024-2025, 99,453 houses have been completed and handed over for use. In 2025-2026, currently, 78,312 houses are under advanced construction stages.

Similarly, under the Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam (NABARD Rural Infrastructure Development Fund) introduced

in 2022-2023, more than 21,000 km of roads and bridges have been improved.

Under the All Village Anna Marumalarchi project, essential amenities such as roads, drinking water, schools, and library facilities are being expanded.

The Thayumanavar Scheme focuses on improving the welfare of women and children.

The Government implements all these schemes and initiatives, but as citizens each individual has responsibilities. We must fulfill them correctly, and take our village to the next level. As your Chief Minister, as one among you, I would like to speak to you about few things.

We must all ensure that children in every household receive education. If child labour is seen, immediately inform the District Administration and rescue the children!

This should be responsibly monitored by all, including village panchayats, the public and Government officials.

Another important programme is the hundred days work scheme. Its implementation must be ensured with transparency regarding revenues, expenditures and employment provided.

Every individual must take social responsibility. If our homes are littered, can we remain indifferent? Our village comprises all our homes, and it is our responsibility to keep it clean. We must minimize plastic usage, segregate waste in Panchayats and avoid littering in public spaces.

Panchayat officials must raise awareness about waste segregation, wastewater management, and hygiene. Small actions lead to significant benefits. Everyone knows that a healthy life is true wealth, and hygiene is its foundation.

If health officials and Panchayats work together, preventive measures can improve public health. No one should be negligent in maintaining cleanliness in villages.

Global warming affects rainfall patterns; awareness about climate change must be created among villagers. Water scarcity is a major issue. Rainwater harvesting is essential to ensure groundwater recharge and long-term water security. This is a responsibility for all of us. Initiatives of the Government and Panchayats require your full support.

With the onset of monsoon, preventive measures against dengue, chikungunya, and other diseases must be implemented immediately. Pre-monsoon contingency plans must be in place in all Panchayats to ensure uninterrupted basic facilities like streets, drinking water, electricity, and drainage. Special committees must plan emergency action with community participation to reduce disruptions during disasters.

Transparency in Panchayat governance and financial management is essential. Revenues and expenditures must be explained to the people through Grama Sabha meetings and implemented with their consent. Every Panchayat must share expenditure details so that people are aware how funds are spent. Every recommendation in these meetings will be

considered and implemented through relevant programs.

Our villages are the key to future development. Our Dravidian Model Government ensures growth with people's participation. Let us prove through our actions that "the strength of the village is the strength of the state."

Nandri! Vanakkam !

Birth anniversary of former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam -15.10.2025

News in Picture

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, in commemoration of the 95th birth anniversary of former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, on 15.10.2025, floral tributes were paid to his decorated portrait placed near his statue located within the Anna University campus at Guindy, Chennai, by the Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information and Publicity, Thiru. M.P.Saminathan, the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Dr. Govi Chezhian, Deputy Mayor Thiru. M. Mahesh Kumar, Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, Thiru. V. Rajaraman, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Dr. P. Sankar, I.A.S., the Director of Information and Public Relations Department, Dr. R. Vaithinathan, I.A.S., representatives of local bodies, and senior Government officials.

Welfare scheme benefits totalling Rs.587.39 crore to 2,44,469 beneficiaries in Tenkasi District

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** distributed welfare assistance to beneficiaries at a Government function held in Tenkasi on 29.10.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin, at a Government function held in Tenkasi, on 29.10.2025, inaugurated 117 completed projects, at a cost of Rs.141.60 crore, laid the foundation stone for 83 new projects, estimated at Rs.291.19 crore and distributed Government welfare assistance worth Rs.587.39 crore to 2,44,469 beneficiaries on behalf of various Departments.

Details of the completed project works inaugurated in Tenkasi District

On behalf of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, various completed projects were inaugurated, including Panchayat Union office buildings at Sankarankovil and Melakalangal; fair price shops at Kulasekaramangalam, Nakkalamuthampatti, Kulasekaraperi, and Mariathaipuram; community halls at Thirumalapuram and Ayvaippulipatti; community welfare centres at Kadambankulam, Malaiyankulam, Sevalkulam and Vagaikulam; a multipurpose building

at Sankaralingapuram; passenger shelters at Thoppureddipatti and Sathirakondan; additional primary and zonal health centre buildings at K. Puthur, Karisathan, and Elathur; an Anganwadi centre building at Emanpatti; an overhead water tank at Melakalangal village; additional classrooms at Panchayat Union Primary Schools in Ventrilingapuram, Kelaiyapillaiyur, Ullar Thalavaipuram, and South Ayvaippulipatti; and improved roads at various locations, including Pottalpudur Puducheri-Venkadampatti, Malaiyankulam-Ravuthaperi, Koviralandanur-Avudayalpuram, Puliyankulam-Kombankulam, Panaiyur-Gudalur, Thenmalai-Solaicheri, Solaicheri-Senthattiyapuram, A. Maruthappapuram-Kurippankulam, Nettur Arundathiyar burial ground road, Udayampuli-Kollankulam, Ambur-Karuthappillaiyur, Kadayanallur-Valasai, Melapavur, Varaganur-Sellappatti, Rajapalayam-Sankarankovil-Ayalpatti, Thenmalai-Ambai road to Chillaraiparavu, Gudalur–Nadagiri Murugan Temple girivalam road, and Shanmuganathapuram–Rayagiri. Additionally, a Panchayat office building at Kovilandanur was completed. In total, 43 works were completed at a cost of Rs.32.56 crore.

On behalf of the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, the Naduvakkurichi Government Horticulture Farm at Melaneelithanallur was established at a cost of Rs.1 crore, and a Special Lemon Centre at Kadayam was established at a cost of Rs.1 crore and 26 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, a Government Primary Health Centre was established at Kuruvikulam at a cost of Rs.50 lakh; a Maternity and Child Health Hospital building constructed at Tenkasi Government Hospital at a cost of Rs.22 crore; a District Integrated Public Health Laboratory was set up at Tenkasi at a cost of Rs.1 crore; a Vaccine Storage Facility established within the Elathur Primary Health Centre premises at a cost of Rs.73 lakh; and a Tuberculosis Unit set up at the Kuruvikulam Primary Health Centre at a cost of Rs.16 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply, additional classroom buildings and toilet blocks were constructed at Government Higher Secondary Schools in Panpozhi and Vasudevanallur, and at the Government High School in Aykudi, at a total cost of Rs.1 crore and 82 lakh. Health sub-centers were established at Achchanputhur, Aykudi and Keelapavur at a cost of Rs.95 lakh. Water supply works were carried out in Rayagiri Town Panchayat at a cost of Rs.2 crore and 49 lakh; a library building was constructed at Ilanji at a cost of Rs.22 lakh; and upgraded water distribution works were implemented in Alwarkurichi Town Panchayat at a cost of Rs.14 crore and 48 lakh.

Along the Tenkasi-Tirunelveli Road, a daily market was established at a cost of Rs.5 crore and 32 lakh. Bio-fertilizer sheds were constructed at fertilizer storage godowns in Boganallur and Annanagar at a cost of Rs.92 lakh. A public health complex was set up at the Tenkasi Municipality Daily Market at a cost of Rs.40 lakh, and drinking water pipelines were laid in Tenkasi Municipality at a cost of Rs.25 lakh. Restroom facilities were provided at the new and old bus stands under Tenkasi Municipality at a cost of Rs.16 lakh. At the Oorkadu main pumping station, motors installed for the ring well at a cost of Rs.21 lakh and 33 thousand. Disinfection machines were installed at the Malayantheru sump and the Vaikkalpalam water pumping station at a cost of Rs.20 lakh. In various locations across Tenkasi Municipality, rainwater drainage works carried out at a total cost of Rs.91 lakh.

In various locations within Tenkasi Municipality, tar road works carried out at a cost of Rs.3 crore 7 lakh and 75 thousand. At the Government General Hospital in Sankarankovil, accommodation facilities for attendants of patients constructed at a cost of Rs.1 crore and 35 lakh. In Sankarankovil Municipality, tar road works were undertaken at a cost of Rs.57 lakh and 50 thousand. In Kadayanallur Municipality, road works in various areas, construction of community halls, paver block works, tar road works, and pipeline connection works for water distribution carried out at a total cost of Rs.5 crore 7 lakh and 29 thousand.

In various areas of Puliangudi Municipality, upgraded tar road works were carried out at a cost of Rs.4 crore 50 lakh and 54 thousand. In different parts of Sengottai Municipality, upgraded road works and paver block works implemented at a cost of Rs.2 crore and 30 lakh. In various areas of Surandai Municipality, at a total cost of Rs.15 crore 38 lakh and 36 thousand, a sewage treatment plant, and a fecal sludge treatment plant established at Keelasurandai, along with works for upgrading cement roads into paver block roads, construction of pedestrian barriers, new roads, open wells, pump sets, compound walls, overhead water tanks, drainage and manholes, a community hall, and a kitchen shed.

On behalf of the Integrated Child Development Scheme, Anganwadi centre buildings constructed at Varathaiyan, Palamarthandapuram, and Thirumalaiyappapuram at a total cost of Rs.43 lakh and 1 thousand.

On behalf of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments, a Folk Arts and Tribal Museum was established at Courtallam at a cost of Rs.2 crore 50 lakh and 90 thousand.

On behalf of the Department of Commercial Taxes and Registration, Sub-Registrar Office buildings were constructed at Puliyangudi and Sankarankovil at a cost of Rs.3 crore 77 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of School Education, a District Central Library and District Library Office constructed at a cost of Rs.3 crore 70 lakh 81 thousand within the campus of E.C.E. Government Boys Higher Secondary School. At Maranthai, Pulangulam, and Gudalur Government High Schools, classrooms and separate toilets for boys and girls constructed at a total cost of Rs.4.43 crore.

On behalf of the Department of Highways and Minor Ports, a high-level bridge at Sankarankovil (Paruvakudi–Kovilpatti) constructed at a cost of Rs.6 crore 93 lakh 46 thousand under the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Rural Roads Scheme.

In total, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated 117 completed project works executed at a total cost of Rs.141.59 crore.

Details of the foundation stone laid works in Tenkasi District

On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, works include the

to be renovated and restored at an estimated cost of Rs. 35 lakh.

On behalf of the Energy Department, sub-stations are to be established at Irayagiri, Kurukkalpatti, Aindham Kattalai, Thazhai Subramaniyapuram, and Kadanganeri-Venkateswarapuram at an estimated cost of Rs. 36 crore 49 lakh 19 thousand.

On behalf of the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, a Thozhi Hostel to be constructed at the new Tenkasi District Collectorate campus at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 crore 44 lakh.

construction of a community welfare centre at Keelaputhur, a new open well, road works, and drainage construction at Vellakoundampatti; a dining hall, office room, toilets for men and women, road works, and drainage facilities at the Pulithevan Memorial Marriage Hall in Nelkattumseval Panchayat; a bridge across the Nitchaebanathi River at Umaiyathalaivanpatti; road works in various villages such as Kallurani, Kulasekarapatti, Maruthankinaru, Vadakkupanavadali, Kurukkalpatti, Idaikal, Sentattiyapuram, Karivalamvanthanallur, Kampaneri, Kalingapatti, Thirigoodapuram, Nalanthula, Ayiraperi, Pattapathu, Kilangadu, Chithirampatti, Sayamalai, Vallam, Kurichanpatti, Melakalankal, and Velayuthapuram; a 60,000-litre capacity ground-level water tank with drinking water connections at Velayuthapuram; a community hall at Ayalpatti; sub-health centres at Rajapandi and Veikalipatty; check dams at Vasudevanallur and Naranapuram; and a new deep borewell with pipeline extension works at Nallankurichi–Maranthai — a total of 51 projects estimated at Rs. 24 crore 8 lakh 6 thousand.

At Kulayaneri, Nayinapuram, and Vethamputhur, new Anganwadi buildings to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 7 crore 4 lakh 56 thousand, and in Sengottai, the traditional Travancore Memorial Arch

On behalf of the Department of Municipal Administration and Water Supply, bridges to be constructed at Sivagiri Municipality — Sivaramalingapuram School Streets and Oadai Street, Periyakkadai Bazaar, and Kamarajar West Street at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 crore 70 lakh; a daily market to be built at Ananthapuram at an estimated cost of Rs. 2 crore 10 lakh; at Alangulam Municipality, bus stand improvement works, drinking water project works, and a new municipal office building to be undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs. 34 crore 91 lakh; new community halls to be constructed at Achampudur, Pudur (South), and Sambavar Vadakarai Municipalities at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore 15 lakh; a public health Department building to be constructed at the Government Hospital in Vasudevanallur at an estimated cost of Rs. 65 lakh; and drinking water supply project works to be carried out in Tenkasi Municipality at an estimated cost of Rs. 69 crore 45 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of Water Resources, a check dam to be constructed across the Hanumanadhi River at Sambavar Vadakarai at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crore 55 lakh, and the banks of the Ramanadhi Dam to

be renovated and strengthened at an estimated cost of Rs. 1 crore 58 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of Animal Husbandry, a veterinary dispensary building to be constructed at Kalingapatti at an estimated cost of Rs. 65 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of Highways and Minor Ports, bypass roads to be constructed at Sankarankovil and Tenkasi at an estimated cost of Rs. 94 crore and 50 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection, an additional storage warehouse will be constructed at Vasudevanallur at an estimated cost of Rs. 6 crore and 58 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, environmental protection activities to be carried out in schools located at Oothumalai, Veerasigamani, and Alwarkurichi under the Green School Scheme, at an estimated cost of Rs. 60 lakh.

On behalf of the Department of School Education, a laboratory will be established at the Karisalkudiyiruppu Panchayat Union Middle School at an estimated cost of Rs. 17.30 lakh, and a library building will be constructed at Veerasigamani at an estimated cost of Rs. 49 lakh.

Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu laid the foundation stone for 83 new development projects estimated at a total cost of Rs. 291 crore 19 lakh 11 thousand.

Details of the distribution of welfare assistance to beneficiaries in Tenkasi District

On behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, assistance provided to 50,650 beneficiaries through various schemes, including the issuance of land titles under unclassified categories, Natham land titles, reclassification titles, hereditary titles, and the Kadayanallur Urban Land Survey Project. On behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, assistance was provided to 6,230 beneficiaries through various schemes such as the Kalaignar's Dream Home Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Chief Minister's scheme for reconstruction of houses, Rural House Repair Scheme, Rehabilitation Housing Scheme for Sri Lankan Tamils, and the Housing Scheme for Transgender Persons. On behalf of the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, assistance provided to 20,667 beneficiaries under various schemes including Kalaignar's Save Soil- Save Life Scheme, State Agricultural Development Programmes, Kalaignar's Comprehensive Village Agricultural Development Scheme, Micro Irrigation Scheme, National Agricultural Development Programme and the Food and Nutritional Security Campaign.

On behalf of the Agricultural Marketing and Agri-Business Department, assistance provided to 201 beneficiaries under various schemes, including pledge loans for farmers, training on

Inspection of the construction work of the house being built in Kaluneer Kulam, Keelappavoor Union, under the “Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam scheme”, for student Prema, who tearfully shared the detail during the “Kalviyil Sirandha Tamil Nadu” programme that her father lives in a dilapidated house.

export of agricultural products, training on the effective use of e-NAM and regulated markets, and the Agricultural Infrastructure Fund. On behalf of the Agricultural Engineering Department, assistance was provided to 571 beneficiaries under the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization, National Agricultural Development Programme, and Kalaignar's All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme. Under the Horticulture and Hill Crops Department, assistance provided to 67,953 beneficiaries under various schemes such as the National Horticulture Mission, National Agricultural Development Programme, State Horticulture Development Programme, Kalaignar's All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme, Micro Irrigation Scheme, Palm Tree Development Scheme, Dry Land Area Development Scheme, and through National Horticulture Mission vegetable and fruit sapling distribution programmes.

On behalf of the Food Supply and Consumer Protection Department, assistance provided to 3,000 beneficiaries in the form of new family ration cards. On behalf of the Cooperative Department, assistance was provided to 28,300 beneficiaries under various schemes including crop loans, gold loans, non-farm sector loans, housing loans, women self-help group loans, mortgage loans, loans for persons with disabilities, women entrepreneurs loans, loans for working women, small business loans, widow loans, loans for micro, small, and medium enterprises, folk artists loans, TAHDCO and TAPCO loans, educational loans, and Kalaignar's Handicraft Scheme. On behalf of the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, assistance provided to 200 beneficiaries in the form of sewing machines, grinding machines, Backward Classes Welfare Board cards, and Christian Priests and Church Employees Welfare Board cards for pastors and employees serving in Christian churches.

On behalf of the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Department, assistance provided to 550 beneficiaries in the form of motor-fitted sewing machines, battery-operated wheelchairs, refurbished tricycles, smart phones, foldable wheelchairs, and hearing aids. On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and

House Allotted to Tmt. Sumathi of Elathur village, Sengottai Panchayat Union, Tenkasi District, under Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam scheme

Tmt. M. Sumathi of Elathur village, Sengottai Panchayat Union, Tenkasi District, is being provided a house under the 'Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam scheme'.

On the occasion the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K. Stalin handed over the key of the house to Tmt. M. Sumathi of Ilathur Village, Sengottai Panchayat Union, Tenkasi District, the 1,00,000th beneficiary under the "Kalaignar's Dream Home" Scheme.

Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam Scheme

For the first time in the country, a pioneering scheme to construct permanent houses in rural areas as a replacement for thatched huts occupied by poor families was introduced in 1975 by Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. Subsequently, in 2010, to realize the goal of a "hut-free state", the Kalaignar Housing Scheme was launched.

However, as surveys identified nearly 8 lakh thatched houses in rural Tamil Nadu, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced a new initiative to achieve the vision of a "Hut-Free Tamil Nadu" by constructing 8 lakh new houses over six years by 2030.

With the aim of fulfilling the dream of rural poor families who wish to own a permanent concrete-roofed home, the Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned the construction of one lakh houses under this scheme in the financial year 2024–2025.

Eligible beneficiaries identified through surveys were verified and issued work orders under the scheme. Moreover, for those listed beneficiaries who did not own land for house construction, house-site pattas (ownership titles) were provided, enabling them to receive houses under the Kalaignar's Dream Home Scheme, thereby fulfilling the dream of the landless and homeless poor.

To ensure that the objectives and benefits of the scheme reached the people swiftly, all processes—from beneficiary selection to fund disbursement—were carried out online, enabling eligible beneficiaries to complete construction efficiently.

Thanks to the proactive efforts of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the scheme received widespread appreciation from the public. Consequently, the one lakh houses sanctioned for 2024–2025, at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,500 crore, have been successfully completed.

Details of Houses Sanctioned and Completed District-Wise under the 'Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam Scheme' for the Year 2024–2025

S. No	District	Houses Sanctioned and Completed
1	Ariyalur	3,491
2	Chengalpattu	3,990
3	Coimbatore	1,428
4	Cuddalore	3,500
5	Dharmapuri	3,985
6	Dindigul	6,125
7	Erode	3,940
8	Kallakurichi	2,965
9	Kancheepuram	2,855
10	Kanniyakumari	1,790
11	Karur	742
12	Krishnagiri	3,443
13	Madurai	3,468
14	Mayiladuthurai	2498
15	Nagapattinam	2,500
16	Namakkal	5,800
17	Perambalur	1,200
18	Pudukkottai	3,250
19	Ramanathapuram	2,400
20	Ranipet	3,000
21	Salem	3,500
22	Sivagangai	741
23	Tenkasi	424
24	Thanjavur	3,000

S. No	District	Houses Sanctioned and Completed
25	The Nilgiris	1,297
26	Theni	961
27	Thoothukudi	1,673
28	Tiruchirappalli	4,000
29	Tirunelveli	717
30	Tirupathur	3,000
31	Tiruppur	1,411
32	Tiruvallur	4,000
33	Tiruvannamalai	3,114
34	Tiruvarur	2,570
35	Vellore	2,711
36	Viluppuram	3,500
37	Virudhunagar	1,011
38	Total	1,00,000

It is noteworthy that within just one year of the commencement of construction under the Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam scheme, one lakh houses have been completed. In this context, at a government function held in Tenkasi, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu handed over the keys to Tmt. M. Sumathi of Ilathur village, Sengottai Panchayat Union, Tenkasi district, who is the one lakhth beneficiary of the Kalaignarin Kanavu Illam scheme.

Similarly, for the year 2025–2026, permission has been granted to construct one lakh additional houses. As of now, 16,245 houses are in the final stages of completion, while 83,755 houses are under significant progress. All of these are expected to be completed by the end of the financial year 2025–2026.

Development Corporation (TAHDCO), assistance provided to 3,616 beneficiaries under various schemes such as the New Entrepreneur-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS), the Nannilam Women's Land Ownership Scheme, and individual loans. Tamil Nadu Sanitary Workers Welfare Board ID cards and medical insurance cards were also distributed. Under the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, assistance provided to 599 beneficiaries in the form of sewing machines, grinding machines, and Tribal Welfare Board ID cards.

On behalf of the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, assistance provided to 4,153 beneficiaries in the form of educational assistance, marriage assistance, natural death assistance, accidental death assistance, assistance for chronic illnesses, pensions, and family pensions. Under the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission, 15,000 beneficiaries received assistance under the Livelihood Fund, and 18,266 beneficiaries were issued Self-Help Group identity cards. Under the District Lead Bank, 565 beneficiaries received educational loan assistance. On behalf of the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, 1,039 beneficiaries received assistance under the Girl Child Protection Scheme, and appointment orders were issued for cook assistants.

On behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, assistance provided to 3,000 beneficiaries under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, 11,276 beneficiaries under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme, and 7,954 beneficiaries under the Nutritional Kit Scheme. On behalf of the Department of Industries and Commerce, assistance provided to 500 beneficiaries under various schemes such as the Kalaignar's Handicrafts Development Scheme, Employment Generation Programme for Unemployed Youth, New Entrepreneur-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme , and the Annal Ambedkar Business Champion Scheme.

On behalf of various Departments, welfare assistance worth a total of Rs. 587 crore 38 lakh and 55 thousand was distributed today by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to 2,44,469 beneficiaries.

Hon'ble Chief Minister stresses on steps taken to avert incidents and swift response to Karur tragedy

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly regarding the actions taken by the Government of Tamil Nadu in connection with the tragic incident at Veluchamipuram, Karur -15.10.2025

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

At the outset, on behalf of the Government, I first wish to state on behalf of the Government that all aspects of the Karur incident being discussed here will be examined, and steps will be taken to resolutely implement all the things that can be strengthened through collective effort.

The tragedy that occurred in Karur District has deeply shaken the people all over Tamil Nadu. It has caused immense shock and grief to all of us. I pay my deepest homage to the departed souls and extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families who have lost their loved ones.

On 27.09.2025, a political event organized by the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) was held at Veluchamipuram, Karur. Earlier, the District secretary of the party had applied for permission to hold meetings at various places. However, permission was denied for those locations due to traffic congestion, public inconvenience and security concerns.

On 25.09.2025, the organizers sought permission to conduct a meeting at Lighthouse Corner or Uzhavar Sandhai area, but it was again denied based on crowd assessment and same

safety reasons. Subsequently, on 26.09.2025, the same party's District secretary submitted a fresh request to conduct a 'People's Interaction Programme' at Veluchamipuram on 27.09.2025. Petition was accepted and permission was granted with 11 specific conditions.

Security arrangements for the event were made on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government's Police Department under the supervision of the Superintendent of Police, Karur District.

In this, 3 Additional Superintendents of Police, 5 Deputy Superintendents of Police, 18 Inspectors, 75 Sub-Inspectors, and 517 police personnel, including armed police, from Karur District were deployed for security duty. In addition to this, from other Districts, 1 Deputy Superintendent of Police, 2 Inspectors, 8 Sub-

Inspectors, 60 armed police personnel, and 20 personnel from the Rapid Action Force. A total of 91 officers were brought in. A total of 606 Officials and Police Personnel were engaged in security duties. In terms of the police Department, the number of security personnel deployed was greater than the usual strength allotted for political campaign meetings..

Although the organizers had stated that 10,000 people were expected, additional security was arranged anticipating a larger crowd. The letter seeking permission to hold the gathering mentioned that it would take place between 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., but the party's general secretary announced on social media and at a press meet that the leader would arrive at 12:00 noon. As a result, people began gathering from early in the morning.

On 27.09.2025, the party leader departed from Chennai at 8:40 a.m., reached Tiruchi at 9:25 a.m., attended a programme in Namakkal, and arrived at Karur only at 7:00 p.m. — seven hours later than the announced time. This delay was a major reason for the excessive crowding.

All parties represented here know well that event organizers must make proper arrangements for large gatherings. However, in this case, the organizers failed to provide drinking water, food, or basic facilities to the people who had been waiting since morning. Women were unable to step out for essential needs due to crowding and lack of facilities.

Two days prior to the incident, that is, on 25.09.2025, a campaign event attended by the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition was held at the same location, Veluchamipuram. The participants of that meeting were properly coordinated and conducted themselves in an orderly manner. The event concluded smoothly without any untoward incidents. Approximately 12,000 to 15,000 people attended the meeting. For that campaign event, about 137 police personnel and 30 members of the village security force were deployed for duty. In contrast, the event organized by this party was conducted in a completely different manner.

After the TVK leader's convoy crossed the Thavittupalayam check-post at the border of Karur District, a large number of supporters followed the caravan toward the venue. Due to overcrowding near the site and people pressing behind the campaign vehicle, the Karur Deputy Superintendent of Police (Town Range) advised the organizers to halt near Akshaya Hospital and to address the gathering there. However, the organizers were obstinate that the leader would only speak at the permitted venue and continued to move forward. Despite repeated requests by the Superintendent of Police and communication with the party's joint secretary, the caravan advanced another 30–35 metres, triggering instability within the crowd. This caused panic and the crowd heaved this way and that. Women and children in the crowd began to suffocate, faint, and fall, leading to a stampede.

Some attendees tried to escape through the generator shed, removing metal sheets. To prevent electrocution, the generator operator switched off the power supply.

As soon as the police observed the situation deteriorating, ambulances were summoned. It is important to note that no ambulance was present before the stampede — they arrived only after distress calls were made. Police, Fire and Rescue, and Medical teams rushed to the spot, rescuing the injured and sending them to nearby hospitals. While the rescue operations were underway, two ambulance drivers were assaulted and an ambulance was damaged by some TVK party members, momentarily obstructing the rescue efforts. Two criminal cases have been filed at the Karur Town Police Station, and investigations are underway. One accused has surrendered before the Judicial Magistrate, Karur, while another, involved in both cases, has been arrested.

Upon learning of the tragic deaths due to overcrowding, the Government of Tamil Nadu took swift and immediate action. The Minister for Health and Family Welfare, the Chief Secretary, and the Director of National Health Mission, Tamil Nadu were immediately dispatched to Karur.

That same night, I personally went to Karur, met the affected families, and offered my condolences. When I heard the tragic news, I could not remain at home — I rushed to Karur, visited the injured in the hospital, and issued instructions to the doctors. All Government Departments coordinated effectively, and several Ministers were present on-site.

The first injured person was admitted to Karur Government Medical College Hospital at 7:47 p.m., followed by over 200 others. To provide specialized treatment, 152 doctors, nurses, and paramedics from Salem, Namakkal, Madurai, Tiruchi, Dindigul, Coimbatore, and Pudukkottai joined the medical teams.

Four hundred beds were arranged in addition to the existing 700 beds. Emergency wards, CT scan units, and laboratories functioned 24 hours a day. District Collectors of Trichy and Dindigul were stationed at the hospital. They set up a "Help Desk" and, with the assistance of the police, identified the bodies of the deceased and arranged for post-mortem examinations

with the help of officials from the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. On the night of 27.09.2025, the Deans of the Government Medical Colleges in Salem, Namakkal, and Madurai arrived at the Karur Government Medical College Hospital with their respective teams of specialist doctors. In addition, a total of 152 personnel — including specialist doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, and post-mortem assistants — from the Government Medical Colleges of Tiruchirappalli, Dindigul, Coimbatore, and Pudukkottai also reached the Karur Government Medical College Hospital

All those who had been receiving treatment following the incident have since returned home, except for one individual who continues to receive treatment at Stanley Government Hospital in Chennai. The total number of fatalities stands at 41 — comprising 13 men, 18 women, and 10 children. As the mortuary at the Karur Government Medical College Hospital did not have adequate facilities to store all the bodies in cold storage, special permission was obtained from the District Collector to conduct post-mortem examinations during the night itself. A team led by Dr. Sankar, Head of the Forensic Department at the Karur Government Medical College, was formed — consisting of 24 doctors and 16 supporting staff — to carry out the post-mortem examinations promptly so that the bodies could be handed over to the families of the deceased without delay. The first post-mortem began at 1:45 a.m. on 28.09.2025, and the 39th post-mortem was completed by around 1:10 p.m. the same day. Under the supervision of senior police officers, more than 200 police personnel were deployed at the premises of the Karur Government Medical College Hospital on 27.09.2025 to manage the large crowd that had gathered and to ensure that no untoward incidents occurred.

In connection with this tragic incident, the Government of Tamil Nadu provided financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. An amount of Rs.10 lakh each was granted to the families of the 41 deceased persons. Additionally, Rs.1 lakh each was given to 47 individuals who sustained serious injuries, and Rs.50,000 each to 55 persons who received outpatient treatment. In total, financial assistance amounting to Rs.4.84 crore was disbursed from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to 143 beneficiaries.

A One-Member Commission of Inquiry headed by Retired High Court Judge Justice Aruna Jagadeesan was constituted on 28.09.2025. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Madras High Court, a Special Investigation Team led by IG Thiru. Asra Garg, IPS, was formed on 03.10.2025.

The Government of Tamil Nadu handled the incident in accordance with the law and with swiftness — from permission procedures to medical aid and distribution of compensation. Guidelines are now being framed to prevent such tragedies in the future. Meanwhile, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has passed an interim order transferring the case to the CBI for investigation.

In my 50 years of public life, I have seen and conducted many large gatherings.

All political organizations here have similar experience. When we hold conferences, public meetings, or protests, we must always act within the law and established norms of public order.

When such regulations are violated, it is the party's own members and the people of Tamil Nadu who ultimately suffer. When unnecessary rumours began to spread on social media, I made a video appeal only to emphasize that no political party leader or member would ever wish for their own party workers or innocent citizens to lose their lives. I appealed to everyone to act with the thought in mind that those who have died are our own people.

Senior Government and police officials later met the press, presented video evidence, and clarified the facts. All those hospitalized were cared for and treated by our Government. While the Supreme Court has issued an interim order, I assure this House that the State Government will act strictly in accordance with the final judgment.

At the same time, I urge all political parties and public organizations to resolve that such tragedies must never happen again. Above everything, the lives of people are sacred and invaluable. Let us always act with that principle in mind.

Vanakkam.

Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi - 02.10.2025

News in Picture

On the occasion of the 157^{th} birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, on 02.10.2025, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tribute to a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi placed near his statue at the Government Museum campus in Egmore, Chennai.

Hon'ble Chief Minister announces panel to suggest ways to prevent honour killings

Speech of the Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,
Thiru. M.K. Stalin,
in the Tamil Nadu Legislative
Assembly - 17.10.2025.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Our Hon'ble Finance Minister has given a clear and precise reply to all the views expressed in the discussion on the supplementary grant demands. I convey my greetings and appreciation to him. Furthermore, in yesterday's discussion, a few Hon'ble Members expressed certain views regarding the honour killing incident, and I wish to respond to them through this august Assembly.

"This Tamil land is the sacred land where the immortal Valluvar, who proclaimed the moral truth that 'All beings are equal by birth,' was born. Avvaiyar, the revered poetess, said: 'There are only two types of people, those who give and those who don't. The first kind of people are noble, the second are of the low type". This is the code of conduct of the Tamils — the culture they have cherished.

In the later periods, because of outsiders who entered our society, occupational differences were turned into caste differences; superiority and

inferiority were taught; and divisions of high and low were sown. But the moment such divisions were created, the voices calling for unity also rose loudly in this Tamil land. Many reformist thoughts took the shape of movements. Iyothee Thass Pandithar, Thanthai Periyar, Tamilthenral Thiru. V. Kalyanasundaranar, the revolutionary poet Bharathidasan, and Perarignar Anna sowed these reformist ideas in the Tamil soil.

These movements fought, debated, and brought about changes in mindset to establish the truth that everyone is equal — by ensuring equal opportunities in education, employment, and positions of authority. The Dravidian and Pure Tamil movements sowed the thought that the importance once given to caste and religion should instead be given to the Tamil language and the Tamil identity. Their achievement was in making race and language our true identity.

During the very same period when reformist ideas were being propagated, laws and schemes were also introduced to implement them. The leader of the Tamil race, Kalaignar, led a Government of social reform. Following his path, we are proudly carrying forward a 'Dravidian Model' Government.

Social Justice Pledge

We have appointed people from all castes as priests. On the birth anniversaries of Periyar and Ambedkar, the entire state takes a pledge. For everyone to take an oath of social justice and equality on the days these great leaders were born is no ordinary achievement.

In this very Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, during my speech on 29.04.2025, I announced that the word "colony," which stands as a symbol of dominance, untouchability, and as a term of insult, would be removed.

To ensure that caste identities do not exist in school and college hostels, we have renamed them as "Social Justice Hostels."

Recently, I met the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in person and made an important request: "In the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the ending 'an' of caste names should be changed to 'ar' so that the people of those communities receive the respect they deserve. The Union Government should take immediate action to enact a suitable law for this change."

The principles of social justice, equality, brotherhood, common ownership, collective rights, the right to education, and the right to power are the ones that drive away division and hatred. That is exactly what we are working towards. Only through these can we build a society of true equality.

However, certain incidents happening in our country today have deeply pained our hearts. It makes us wonder — is this what our leaders fought for and what we continue to fight for?

The world is advancing in knowledge — but what is it that prevents it from becoming a world of compassion? That is the question troubling all those who think in the spirit of reform.

Our Tamil society, which is spreading across the world and earning respect for its wisdom, ends up engaging in conflicts within its own homeland — what justice is there in that? This is the question that pains us.

For any reason whatsoever, one person taking the life of another cannot be accepted by a civilized society. Not only killing — but also hating, fighting, and humiliating one another — none of these can ever be accepted by a cultured and progressive society.

Every now and then, a tragic incident that occurs in some part of our land shakes our hearts and brings shame upon our society. Behind such crimes lies the shadow of male domination that denies women the right to decide their own future. We must put a complete end to this.

Yesterday, many of our Hon'ble Members voiced their anguish and demanded that honour killings must be stopped — stopped at any cost.

Social Transformation

Recently, at the centenary conference of the Self-Respect Movement held in Chengalpattu District by the Dravidar Kazhagam, the President of the Dravidar Kazhagam, Thiru. K. Veeramani, handed over to me a resolution passed in the conference. It stated that along with taking stringent action against honour killings, we must also bring about social transformation to prevent such injustices. That concern is shared by all of us.

Whenever an honour killing occurs, severe sections of law are invoked in all related cases. However, caste is not the only cause behind such killings — there are many other reasons too. But whatever the cause, a murder is a murder. The punishments for such crimes are being imposed with the utmost severity. The offenders involved are being arrested immediately under the Goondas Act and other stringent provisions.

We have given strict instructions to the police that no one — absolutely no one — should escape punishment for the crimes they commit, for any reason whatsoever. Therefore, the law is doing its duty.

At the same time, I wish to make the appeal that the campaign against this cruel mindset should be carried on not only by social reform movements, but also by political movements and public welfare organizations. These efforts to create awareness must stress that the badge of a civilized society lies not only in economic progress but also in progress of social thought. Everyone must speak out against caste discrimination and dominance. "There are no hierarchies among humans; all are equal. Gender equality, too, is a mark of a truly developed society," said Thanthai Periyar.

We must decisively end all forms of dominance. To build a human society full of equality, self-respect and compassion, it is the duty of all of us to advance this campaign as a movement. Reform awareness and punishment for crime must move forward together — as sword and shield.

In this regard, I make an important announcement in this august Assembly: A commission will be constituted under the leadership of retired High Court Judge Thiru. K. N. Basha, comprising legal experts, progressive thinkers, and social scientists. This commission will gather opinions from all quarters — political movements, legal experts, social activists, and affected individuals — and provide suitable recommendations on this matter. Based on those recommendations, the Government of Tamil Nadu will take the necessary steps to enact an appropriate law aimed at preventing honour killings.

Valedictory ceremony of 'largest and most inclusive' sports event

Hon'ble Chief Minister lauds winners of CM Trophy Competitions 2025, hands over trophies

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented trophies and congratulated the sportspersons -14.10.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, on 14.10.2025 presented trophies and congratulated the sportspersons from Chennai, Chengalpattu, and Coimbatore Districts, who secured the first, second, and third places respectively in the Chief Minister's Trophy Sports Competitions - 2025, held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai.

Chief Minister's Trophy Sports Competitions – 2025

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, inaugurated the state-level Chief Minister's Trophy Sports Competitions 2025 on 7.10.2025 at the Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai.

A total sum of Rs.83.37 crore was allocated for conducting these competitions, including Rs.37 crore as prize money, making it one of the largest sports event ever organized in Tamil Nadu. This initiative marks another milestone in the Tamil Nadu Government's efforts to promote sports and encourage mass participation. The key objective is to recognize and reward talented players with due honours and incentives, inspiring them to achieve greater success.

Since the formation of the DMK Government, Tamil Nadu has emerged as a leading state in creating opportunities for sportspersons — providing advanced training, high-value incentives, and world-class infrastructure, enabling athletes from Tamil Nadu to shine at the national and international levels. The Chief Minister's Trophy has become more than just a competition — it is a celebration of talent and determination that transcends age and regional boundaries. The event is open to school students, college students, members of the general public, persons with disabilities, and Government employees.

For the smooth conduct of the District, zonal, and state-level competitions, a total of Rs.83.37 crore was allocated. Building upon the success of last year's event, the 2025 edition was organized on a larger scale. The District and zonal level competitions concluded on 12 September 2025, while the state-level competitions were held from 2 October to 14 October 2025.

In 2025, a record 16,28,338 participants from all Districts of Tamil Nadu registered online, representing five categories — school

students, college students, members of the general public, persons with disabilities, and Government employees. They competed in 38 individual and team events, with over 32,000 sportspersons qualifying for the state-level competitions. Events were hosted in 13 centres: Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Nagapattinam, Dindigul, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Salem, and Chengalpattu.

Prize money for state-level competitions were as follows:

- Individual events – Rs.1,00,000 for the first place, Rs.75,000 for the second, and Rs.50,000 for the third.
- Team events – Each member of the first-place team received Rs.75,000; second-place Rs.50,000; third-place Rs.25,000.

Additionally, educational scholarships, certificates of recognition, and employment opportunities were also provided.

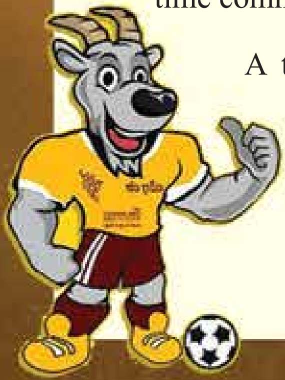
For the first time, e-Sports was introduced as an official event with prize money equivalent to other sports, reaffirming support for both modern and traditional games.

With unprecedented registration numbers, a massive prize fund, and the inclusion of new categories like e-Sports, the Chief Minister's Trophy 2025 became the largest and most inclusive sporting event ever conducted in Tamil Nadu, reflecting the Government's vision to promote sports development and social participation.

All data related to the competitions — medal standings, winners list, scores, and player details — were

accurately recorded and made publicly available through the official website: www.tncmtrophy.sdat.in

For the first time in India, a WhatsApp Chatbot was introduced to provide instant updates on scores, results, and event information. This marks a major step in digitization at the grassroots sports level, making the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) a national leader in digital sports management, ensuring accessibility, transparency, and real-time communication for all.



A total of 196 competitions were conducted across 37 sports disciplines, including athletics, tennis, basketball, football, and weightlifting, under five categories — school, college, differently-abled, Government employees, and the public.

- Chennai District – 281 medals (109 Gold, 90 Silver, 82 Bronze) – 1st Place
- Chengalpattu District – 88 medals (36 Gold, 22 Silver, 30 Bronze) – 2nd Place
- Coimbatore District – 95 medals (33 Gold, 27 Silver, 35 Bronze) – 3rd Place

The Hon'ble Chief Minister presented trophies to the winners from these Districts and congratulated them.

Sports Insurance Scheme

Under the Sports Insurance Scheme, 25,000 sportspersons participating in state

and national-level tournaments organized by recognized sports associations and federations in Tamil Nadu are covered for accidents or fatalities during competitions. Under this scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over insurance orders worth Rs.5 lakh each to beach volleyball players Selvi S. Pavithra and Selvi K. Deepika, and para table tennis player Selvi R. Deepika Rani.

Financial Assistance from Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation

Through the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation, financial support was provided to sportspersons capable of winning medals at the international level.

- Track cyclist Thiru. P. Pradeep received a track cycle worth Rs.3.50 lakh.
- Carrom players Selvi M. Kazima and Thiru. Abdul Asif received Rs.1.5 lakh each.
- Para-athletes Thiru. K. Muthuraja, Selvi T. Sashikala, and Selvi Keerthika received Rs.1.65 lakh each.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister witnessed a 'Vanakkam to Tamil' song and dance performance, a video presentation on the Chief Minister's Trophy, and a special music concert dedicated to the event, featuring performances by senior citizens as well.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin, at the event

First of all, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the athletes—men and women—who participated in this year's Chief Minister's Trophy, won various titles, and received awards!

I also appreciate and congratulate our Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru.Udhayanidhi, who has worked tirelessly and continues to work hard to identify and nurture such a vast pool of talented young people!

Tamil Nadu has now become a shining example of how successful things can be when the welfare of the youth and the future of sports are entrusted to a young and energetic Minister!

I also appreciate and congratulate Thiru. Atulya Misra, I.A.S., Secretary of the Sports Department, and Thiru. Meghanatha Reddy, I.A.S., Member-Secretary of the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, along with all the officers, for organizing this grand event that honours our young athletes who are destined to bring medals and trophies to our State and Nation on the global stage!

Under our Dravidian Model Government, the sports sector in Tamil Nadu is witnessing a Golden Age! Whether it's national-level or international tournaments, Tamil Nadu has grown into a venue capable of hosting competitions of the highest quality.

Our Tamil Nadu players are achieving victory after victory, proudly proclaiming themselves as champions! I also wish to convey my appreciation and congratulations to all the coaches who have trained them with such dedication.

To encourage sports and recognize talented athletes, we have organized this Chief Minister's Trophy with a total prize fund of Rs.37 crore.

As Thambi Udhayanidhi mentioned, over the past four years, you young people have witnessed the heights Tamil Nadu has reached in every sector! That's why Tamil Nadu has achieved double-digit economic growth, something no other Indian state has accomplished!

This journey of success is echoing in the sports sector as well—and will continue to do so! We believe in identifying and supporting talent wherever it exists. That's why we designed the CM Trophy in such a way that students, differently-abled persons, the public, and Government employees can all participate.

Last year's success inspired even greater participation—16,28,338 people registered online this year! In 38 competitions across five categories, over 32,000 players advanced to the state-level finals after District and zonal rounds.

For the individual category, winners of the first, second, and third places receive Rs. One lakh, Rs.75,000, and Rs.50,000, respectively. In team sports, all members of the winning teams receive Rs.75,000, Rs.50,000, and Rs.25,000 each.

Additionally, we provide educational scholarships, recognition, and employment opportunities for the winners. For the first time this year, E-sports competitions were also conducted! All competitions were held transparently through a Games Management System, and all updates and scores were available via a WhatsApp Chatbot—an innovative step!

During the previous AIADMK Government, only Rs.170.33 crore was allocated over five years for sports infrastructure. In contrast, in just four years of our governance, we have allocated Rs.601.38 crore! In total, our Government has allotted Rs.1,945.07 crore for the development of sports in Tamil Nadu! That's why I proudly say that this Dravidian Model Government represents the 'Golden Age' of Tamil Nadu Sports. To give wings to the dreams of our athletes, we established the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation, which has provided assistance of Rs.25 crore to 1,369 sportspersons so far.

These athletes have brought home over 350 medals from national and international events, adding glory to Tamil Nadu!

Furthermore, Rs.172 crore has been distributed as incentive awards to 5,393 athletes, including differently-abled sportspersons, who have won medals at national and international competitions.

Key highlights of our sports achievements include:

- Increased the special grant for 'Elite' Athletes from Rs.25 lakh to Rs.30 lakh.
- Distributed Rs.1.19 crore in incentives to 17 athletes.

- Granted Rs.5 crore as special incentives to four Paralympic-2024 medalists.
- Announced that Mini Stadiums will be built in all 234 Assembly Constituencies, each at a cost of Rs.3 crore; 75 have already been completed.
- In commemoration of Kalaignar's Centenary, 16,798 sports equipment kits distributed to 12,525 village panchayats.
- Allocated Rs.100 crore for urban local bodies to provide sports equipment kits.
- Established Olympic Academies in Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and Nilgiris Districts.

I have only mentioned a few—if I were to list all our achievements in sports, it would take the entire day!

No other state in India has supported sports and sportspersons as comprehensively as Tamil Nadu—and I say this with pride!

Some of the awards that reflect our success include:

- CII Sports Business Award 2023 for SDAT.
- The Hindu Sports Star Aces Awards (two consecutive years).
- GEM Awards 2025.
- Khel Ratna Award for Tamil Nadu's Chess Champion Gukesh.
- Arjuna Awards 2024 for four athletes from Tamil Nadu.

As our Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi mentioned, these awards are wonderful—but do you know what we value the most?

The faith and confidence that thousands of you have shown by participating in these tournaments—believing that "if we take sports as a career in Tamil Nadu, we can definitely succeed"—that faith is the greatest award for our Government!

Recently, in this Nehru Indoor Stadium, we held the 'Kalviyil Sirandha Tamil Nadu' (Education Excellence) programme to honour students who excelled academically. Many young achievers shared their inspiring journeys there—both in education and sports.

For example, the father of Jerlin Anika, who won three gold medals in the Deaflympics 2022 and received the Arjuna Award, emotionally expressed how much support the Government of Tamil Nadu had given her.

Similarly, when Rosy Meena Balraj, a national-level polevault champion, said that when she couldn't afford even Rs.1.5 lakh for a single pole, the Government came forward to support her. She has proudly said that now she has six poles and works for the Government of Tamil Nadu with a salary three times higher than what she earned in the Railways!

Kazima, daughter of an auto driver from Chennai's Kasimedu, won three gold medals in the World Cup Carrom Championship in the USA, and our Dravidian Model Government rewarded her with Rs.one crore.

For us, the success of humble achievers like Jerlin, Rosy Meena, and Kasima is the true success of our Government. Through our various schemes, Tamil Nadu's sports Department has helped turn the dreams of countless underprivileged athletes into reality—and they, in turn, continue to bring global recognition to our state.

At this moment, I recall what our great leader Kalaignar Karunanidhi once said. When I served as Minister for Local Administration, he saw the initiatives we were implementing daily and remarked in a function,

"Looking at all these achievements, I feel I should have been the Local Administration Minister myself!"

Today, I feel the same way—I wish I were the Sports Minister, seeing the remarkable work being done by Udhayanidhi!

May his efforts continue to grow further, and may Tamil Nadu's athletes keep winning greater victories!

To all athletes present here, I give this assurance:

"We will continue to create every opportunity for you. You focus on your game, train with discipline, and bring pride to Tamil Nadu and India with your talent! As your Chief Minister, I am here for you—and your Minister, our Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi, stands beside you. With that assurance, I wish your journey of achievement continues—the field is ours! The victory is ours!"

Nandri! Vanakkam!

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, at the event

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to this grand award ceremony of the Chief Minister's Trophy Sports Competitions 2025, conducted under the leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

It was the Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who, during his tenure as Chief Minister, established a separate Ministry for Sports—the first of its kind—so that Tamil Nadu could reach the No.1 position in sports.

Fulfilling his dream, today under the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu is steadily progressing towards becoming the No.1 State in Sports. A fine example of this progress are the Chief Minister's Trophy Sports Competitions of 2025 being held here.

These competitions have triggered a sports revolution across Tamil Nadu, transforming it into a mass movement that celebrates athletic excellence. To ensure its grand success, our Hon'ble Chief Minister generously allocated Rs 84 crore, of which Rs 37 crore was earmarked solely as prize money. On behalf of all sportspersons and the Sports Department, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Hon'ble Chief Minister for this tremendous support.

In 2023, around 4 lakh sportspersons participated in these competitions. Today, in 2025, the number has risen to an astonishing 16 lakh youth participants. This remarkable growth reflects the increasing enthusiasm and expectations surrounding this event.

The core objective of the Chief Minister's Trophy is to identify and showcase hidden sporting talents across Tamil Nadu who might otherwise remain unnoticed.

This competition serves as a launching pad for talented athletes from Tamil Nadu

to participate in national and international sporting events.

Two outstanding athletes are present here among us today:

- Thambi Benediction Rohit from Tirunelveli, who continues to win laurels in international swimming competitions. Recently, he set a national record in the Men's 100-metre Butterfly, clocking 52.5 seconds. Let us all extend our best wishes to Rohit, who is now rigorously training to represent India in the upcoming Olympics.
- Thangai Sharvaanica from Udayarpalayam, Ariyalur District, a young chess prodigy, is another pride of Tamil Nadu. Though she is not yet 10 years old, she has already bagged 10 national and international medals. This is not only a personal achievement for Sharvaanica but also a proud moment for Indian Chess, especially for Tamil Nadu's Chess legacy.

Our Hon'ble Chief Minister firmly believes that many more talented players like Rohit and Sharvaanica will emerge from among you. That is why the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation, along with the Government, stands firmly behind you with every kind of encouragement and financial support. I urge you all to make the best use of these opportunities to hone your skills and achieve greater heights.

With dedicated training and strong willpower, this Government believes that you can and will succeed. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister is always prepared to extend all necessary assistance to you.

Now, I warmly welcome the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the architect of the Dravidian Model of Governance, to this grand event.

I also extend my warm welcome to Chess player Sharvaanica and Swimmer Benediction Rohit.

I warmly welcome the Hon'ble Minister, Annan Thiru. Sekar Babu and all other Ministers, Hon'ble Mayor Tmt Priya, Deputy Mayor Thiru. Mahesh Kumar, and all local body representatives.

I extend my greetings to Thiru. Dayanidhi Maran, Thiru. Parandhaman, and all Members of Parliament and Legislative Assembly.

A warm welcome also to Dr. Atulya Misra, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, Thiru. J. Kumaragurubaran, I.A.S., Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Thiru. J. Meghanatha Reddy, I.A.S., Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority and the District Collectors of the top three winning Districts — Tmt. Rashmi Siddharth Jagade, I.A.S., Tmt. T. Sneha, I.A.S., and Thiru. Pavan Kumar, I.A.S., along with all other

Government officials and police officers present here.

I extend my greetings to all the athletes and sportspersons who continue to bring glory to Tamil Nadu through their remarkable achievements.

My heartfelt welcome also to the members of the Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority's organizing committee, who have put together this grand event with dedication.

I express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all the officers, referees, and volunteers from across Tamil Nadu who contributed to the successful conduct of this competition.

A warm welcome to all beneficiaries of the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation.

I also warmly welcome the representatives from various organizations and associations participating in this prestigious event.

A special word of appreciation and welcome to the resident students of the Sports Development Authority hostels, who are always close to my heart.

I also extend a special welcome to Thangai Nivetha Jessica and members of the Madras Motor Club, who conducted a 1,300 km motorbike awareness rally to promote the Chief Minister's Trophy Sports Competitions.

My congratulations and best wishes to all the artists and performers who are going to enthrall us with their cultural programmes today.

I also welcome the club administrators and members of the press who have joined us.

Let the Chief Minister's Trophy Sports Competitions continue to flourish and triumph! The field is ours!

Nandri! Vanakkam!

News in Picture

India's first international standard ornamental fish trade centre at Kolathur- 11.10.2025

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, on 11.10.2025, inaugurated the Kolathur Ornamental Fish Trade Centre, at a cost of Rs. 53 crore, established with international standards for the first time in India, at Sivasakthi Nagar, Villivakkam, Chennai, on behalf of the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority under the North Chennai Development Project.

“Global Startup Summit 2025”

Rs.100 crore Co-Creation Fund to boost startup eco-system

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 09.10.2025, inaugurated the ‘Global Startup Summit 2025’ organized by the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission under the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises at CODISSIA Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore.

On the occasion, the Hon’ble Chief Minister released the Tamil Nadu Startup Ecosystem Report 2025 and the Highlights of Startup Vision Report 2035 for Tamil Nadu. He also distributed incentive packages for Tamil Nadu startups and handed over grant approval orders under the Startup Funding Scheme for persons with disabilities and members of the third gender.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated the ‘Global Startup Summit 2025’ - 09.10.2025.

Further, in the presence of the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission and several international organizations from France, Canada, Germany, and other countries.

Inauguration of the ‘Global Startup Summit 2025’

Organized by the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) under

the Department of MSMEs, the “World Startup Convention 2025” was held on October 2025, 9 and 10, at CODISSIA Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore.

The objective of the convention is to enhance Tamil Nadu’s startup ecosystem to global standards and create international connections for Tamil Nadu’s startups and innovators.

Release of the Startup Ecosystem Reports

The Hon’ble Chief Minister released the ‘Tamil Nadu Startup Ecosystem Report 2025’, prepared by Inc42, and the ‘Highlights of Startup Vision Report 2035 for Tamil Nadu’, a strategic report prepared by Startup Genome outlining the first phase of implementation plans.

Distribution of Incentive Packages to Tamil Nadu Startups

In the presence of the Chief Minister, Thiru Didier Vanderhasselt, Ambassador of Belgium, handed over the “Hub. Brussels – My Welcome Package Award” to two Tamil Nadu-based startups.

Financial Assistance under the Startup Funding Scheme

Under the Startup Funding Scheme, eight startups established by persons with disabilities and members of the third gender received full grant-based approval orders — each receiving Rs.5 lakh, totalling Rs.40 lakh.

Startups by persons with disabilities:

1. Warpe Academy Private Limited – operating in Human Resource Management
2. Ediod Electronics Private Limited – operating in Electronics Engineering
3. Let’s Buy Sarees – operating in Apparel Sales
4. Humart – engaged in producing value-added millet-based food products

Startups by transgender members

1. Evolvance – offering modern skill development training
2. Shivani Drone Services – providing agricultural automation and drone services
3. Kals Apparel – operating in Apparel Design
4. Princess of Trichy Refreshments – operating in the Food and Beverage sector

MoUs between TANSIM and International Organizations

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Minister, MoUs were signed between the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) and several international organizations including:

- ★ Link Innovations (France)
- ★ Techshake (Philippines)
- ★ Asia Berlin (Germany)

These agreements aim to create new global market opportunities for Tamil Nadu startups and provide world-class industrial development programmes.

Startup Exhibition Pavilions

At the convention, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated and visited over 1,000 exhibition stalls set up by Tamil Nadu-based startups, women entrepreneurs running D2C (Direct-to-Consumer) startups, student innovators, startups in the space technology sector and companies in the advanced manufacturing sector.

Additionally, international stalls from 21 countries have been set up to create global market access opportunities for Tamil Nadu startups. ■

News in Picture

Inauguration of 'G.D. Naidu Flyover' constructed at Rs. 1,791 crore- 09.10.2025

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** inaugurated the state's longest four-lane flyover, named 'G.D. Naidu Flyover' from Goldwins to Uppilipalayam in Coimbatore for public use, constructed by the Highways and Minor Ports Department at a cost of Rs. 1,791 crore, covering a total length of 10.10 kilometres, on 09.10.2025.

Aran Shelter homes for transgender persons at Chennai and Madurai

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 13.10.2025, at the Secretariat, on behalf of the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, inaugurated 'Aran' shelters for transgender persons, constructed at Shenoy Nagar, Chennai, and Anna Nagar, Madurai, at a total cost of Rs. 43.88 lakh.

Through this Board, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various welfare measures for the social, educational and economic development of transgender persons, through the following steps:

- ★ Issuance of transgender identity cards.
- ★ Monthly pension of Rs. 1,500 for destitute transgender persons.
- ★ Provision of family ration cards, house site pattas and medical insurance.
- ★ Supply of sewing machines and grants for self-employment.
- ★ Formation of self-help groups and skill development training programs.
- ★ Free travel under the 'Vidiyal Payanam' scheme in Government buses.
- ★ Coverage of all educational expenses — including tuition and hostel fees — for transgender students pursuing higher education under the 'Thirunangai Higher Education Scheme'.
- ★ Extension of the 'Pudhumai Penn' and 'Tamil Pudhalvan' schemes to provide a monthly incentive of Rs. 1,000 to all transgender students in higher education.

Safe and Supportive Shelters for Transgender Persons

As a further step in the continuous initiatives to protect and support transgender persons, and considering the social, psychological and safety challenges they face, the Government of Tamil Nadu has decided to establish Aran Homes — special centres that provide a safe, dignified and supportive living environment.

In the first phase, Aran Homes have been established at Shenoy Nagar (Chennai) and Anna Nagar (Madurai) at a total cost of Rs 43.88 lakh , inaugurated on 13.10.2025 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Need for Aran Homes

During the stage of gender identity realization, many transgender, intersex, and gender-diverse individuals face fear, anxiety and rejection from families and society. As a result, they often leave home and education behind and migrate to cities without support. Hence, a secure and supportive living environment with counselling and rehabilitation is essential.

Main Objectives

★ To provide safe and temporary accommodation (from 1 week to a maximum of 3 years) for transgender, transmen, and intersex individuals aged 18 and above who have been abandoned by their families.

★ Beneficiaries from any District possessing a valid Tamil Nadu Transgender Welfare Board ID card are eligible.

★ Each Aran Home will accommodate up to 25 residents.

These homes will ensure access to basic amenities such as food, clothing and shelter. They will also include the following initiatives:

★ Assistance to resume school and college education for drop outs

★ Facilitation of higher education opportunities.

★ Psychological and professional counselling as per individual needs.

★ Guidance and financial support for self-employment initiatives.

★ Assistance for filing complaints against violence and discrimination.

★ Free legal aid and awareness of rights.

★ Efforts to reunite residents with their families and conduct family counseling and awareness programs.

News in Picture

226th Death anniversary of Veerapandiya Kattabomman - 16.10.2025

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tribute to the portrait of freedom fighter Veerapandiya Kattabomman, kept near his statue at the Gandhi Mandapam premises, Chennai, on the occasion of his 226th death anniversary on 16.10.2025. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru Udhayanidhi Stalin, was also present on the occasion.

Hon'ble Chief Minister confers Kalaimamani awards

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.M.K. Stalin, on 11.10.2025, participated in the Kalaimamani Award Ceremony held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai, organized by the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram.

At the function, he presented the Kalaimamani Awards for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 to outstanding artists from various artistic fields. The all-India Awards in the names of Bharathiar, M.S.Subbulakshmi, and Balasaraswathi to eminent artists; the Best Art Institution Shield, and the Rotating Shield for the Best Drama Troupe were also presented by him.

Applications for the Kalaimamani Awards for 2021, 2022, and 2023 were invited by the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram. The applications were categorized into various art forms — literature, music, dance, drama, film, television, musical drama, folk arts, and other art categories. Expert committees were formed for each

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented the Kalaimamani awards for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023

category to recommend deserving artists for the award. The list of eligible artists recommended by these expert committees was approved by the General Body of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram. Based on the resolutions and recommendations, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced the list of Kalaimamani awardees for 2021, 2022, and 2023 on 24.09.2025.

Presentation of Kalaimamani Awards

Accordingly, for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented the Kalaimamani Awards to 30 artists each year, totaling 90 artists. The award-winning artists were honoured with a gold medal weighing 3 sovereigns and an award certificate. (List attached)

Presentation of special awards for eminent artists

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presented the Bharathiar Award (Literature) for the All India Award-winning artists to Dr. N. Murugesapandian, the M.S. Subbulakshmi Award (Music) to Padma Vibhushan Dr. K.J. Yesudas (received by his son, Thiru. Vijay Yesudas, on his behalf) and the Balasaraswathi Award (Dance) to Padma Shri Muthukannammal. Each awardee received a gold medal weighing three sovereigns along with a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh and a certificate of honour.

Presentation of shields to the Best Art Institution and Drama Troupe Shields

The Best Art Institution Shield was presented to the Tamil Isai Sangam (Raja Annamalai Mandram, Chennai), and the Rotating Shield for the Best Drama Troupe was presented to the Kalaimamani M.R. Muthusamy Memorial Drama Mandram, Palamedu, Madurai District. Both received a cash prize of Rs.one lakh each along with the shields.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, at the event

My warm greetings to all of you.

I am delighted to participate in this grand ceremony organized by the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram, and to have the privilege of presenting awards to distinguished artists who have enriched our culture.

I sincerely thank and express my heartfelt wishes to the Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Saminathan, Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram Chairman Thiru. Vagai Chandrasekhar, and Member-Secretary Tmt. Vijaya Thayanban for organizing this wonderful event and giving me the opportunity to participate.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to all the artists who have received the Kalaimamani Awards.

You have all dedicated your lives to art and artistic service. This recognition — conferred by the Government — is the highest honour one can receive for that life-long commitment.

As our Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin mentioned, and as our Chairman Chandrasekhar recalled, this Kalaimamani Award was instituted in 1967 by Perarignar Anna and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar. You are now part of that proud legacy.

I feel honoured to present awards for three years — 2021, 2022, and 2023 — across diverse fields of art. From literature, music, dance, drama, cinema, television, musical theatre, to folk arts — no branch of art has been left out. I wholeheartedly appreciate the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram for this inclusive recognition.

Most of the award winners here are well known to me! I am also familiar with the artistic contributions of many of them! These awards have been rightly given not only to senior artists but also by recognizing the emerging young artists who truly deserve them.

You can see that 90-year-old veteran Tmt. Muthukkannammal and young music composer Thiru. Anirudh are both being honored today. That shows the true spirit of this grand event.

The artists receiving the Kalaimamani award have been given a gold medal and an award certificate! You all know the price of gold in the country today… It is rising at rocket speed, twice a day. If you compare the price of gold on the day this award was announced with today's price, you will understand! But, more than that valuable gold, the title "Kalaimamani," which adds glory, holds greater value! Because this is a title given by Tamil Nadu!

The Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram has been doing remarkable work promoting ancient art forms, encouraging artists, documenting and preserving endangered art traditions, reviving theatre and dance dramas, taking Tamil traditional arts beyond the state and across the world, honoring artists who contribute immensely to the growth of Tamil arts and providing monthly financial aid to needy artists. This award ceremony stands as a proud symbol of all these achievements.

In that line, our Dravidian Model Government is also honouring Muthamizh artists. If I have to mention a few examples for that,

The financial assistance provided to indigent artists has been increased to Rs.3,000 per month.

The annual grant provided to the Tamil Nadu Iyal–Isai–Nataka Mandram has been raised from Rs.3 crore to Rs.4 crore.

Financial assistance of Rs.10,000 each is being provided every year to 500 folk artists for purchasing musical instruments, costumes, and art materials.

Financial assistance for indigent Kalaimamani award-winning artists has been increased from Rs.50,000 to Rs.1 lakh.

A fund of Rs.2 crore has been allocated to conduct "Isai Sangamam" and "Kalai Sangamam" cultural programmes across 38 Districts, as part of the Pongal Art Festival. Over 10,000 artists have taken part and benefited from these events.

It has been announced that Kalaimamani award-winning artists are allowed to travel free in state-run buses.

Financial assistance of Rs.25,000 is being provided to the families of deceased renowned artists as family maintenance grant.

A grant of Rs.2 lakh each is being given to writers for bringing out outstanding art publications in Tamil.

Major efforts are being made to take Tamil arts to international platforms.

On the occasion of the centenary celebrations of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, art festivals such as historical drama festival, dance festival, folk and tribal art festivals have been held across Tamil Nadu.

Following the footsteps of Thalaivar Kalaignar, our Dravidian Model Government stands as a Government that honours artists! It will always remain as a Government that celebrates the arts cherished by Kalaignar and upholds the glory of Muthamizh. A great example of this is the grand felicitation ceremony organized by the Dravidian Model Government to honour Tamil music genius Ilaiyaraaja, who reached the pinnacle of symphony!

The grand felicitation we held for the legendary Tamil musician Ilaiyaraaja was a shining example. Even he said, “No Government in the world has ever honoured an artist like this. I cannot understand why there is so much love for me.”

Our affection for Isaignani comes from our love for art, for the Tamil language, and for the Tamil people. It was this love that inspired us to hold that grand event. And today, we are conferring these awards upon you with the very same spirit of love!

It is the Dravidian movement that nurtured all three forms of Tamil! The Dravidian movement enriched stage Tamil, developed dramatic Tamil, and refined society through it! It also promoted musical Tamil and insisted that it must be Tamil music in its true form! History itself declares that as the Dravidian movement grew, these arts too flourished alongside it!

In 1944, Kalaivanar N.S. Krishnan started a drama troupe and staged the reformist play Nandanar. Perarignar Anna founded the Dravida Nadigar Kazhagam in Kancheepuram, followed by many other art organizations promoting social reform through drama.

Leaders and writers such as Perarignar Anna, Pavendhar Bharathidasan, Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, P. Kannan, Thillai Villalan, A.K.Velan, the visionary C.P. Chitrarasu, the master of short story S.S. Thennarasu, K.G. Radhamanalan, and

Thiruvarur Thangarasu contributed greatly to our movement through their plays. Stage legends like Kalaivaanar N.S. Krishnan, Nadigavel M.R. Radha, Nadippisai Pulavar K.R. Ramasamy, Revolutionary Actor M.G. Ramachandran, Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan, Idealistic Actor S.S. Rajendran, T.V. Narayanasamy, K.R. Seetharaman, T.N. Krishnan, Chandrakanta, G. Sakunthala, and Manorama spread the ideals of the movement among the people through their performances. Together, they nurtured both the Dravidian movement and the art of theatre itself!

These art forms have been a powerful force in the growth of Tamil—and continue to be so even today. It was the Dravidian movement that infused thought, ideology, expression, and outreach into the art of drama. Every form of expression—writing, speech, literature, and art—strengthens and preserves our language. If a language perishes, its people and culture perish with it. Our very identity fades away. And when that identity is lost, we lose the honour of calling ourselves Tamils.

What is the use of living after losing the honour of being a Tamil and one's self-respect? So, let us safeguard the arts! Safeguard the language! Safeguard our race! Safeguard our identity!

Our artists must go beyond boundaries—spreading and nurturing Tamil art across the world. The Tamil arts should reach every corner of the globe. The Iyal–Isai–Nataka Mandram should take every initiative and extend every form of support to make this possible. I assure you that the Government will stand beside them in this noble cause. With that promise, I conclude my address!

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Address of the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin at the event

I extend my warm evening greetings to all of you.

First of all, I extend my heartfelt congratulations, appreciation, and applause to all the artists receiving awards here today.

The Dravidian movement has always celebrated art and artists. It was our Dravidian leaders who used art as a medium to create political and social awareness among the people

of Tamil Nadu. Perarignar Anna and Muthamizharignar Dr.Kalaignar made a remarkable mark in both theatre and cinema, this is well known to all of you.

Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has also acted in films and stage plays. Even today, he deeply appreciates music, theatre, and cinema. That is why he continuously encourages all the programmes and activities of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram.

This Mandram, the Kalaimamani Award, and this very hall have a long and close association with Kalaignar Dr. Karunanidhi. As Thiru. Vagai Chandrasekhar mentioned earlier, it was Kalaignar who changed the name Sangeetha Nataka Sangam to Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai, Nataka Mandram.

It was also Kalaignar who named this very hall 'Kalaivanar Arangam'. Initially, these awards were known as Kala Sikhamani awards, and it was Kalaignar who renamed them as the Kalaimamani Awards.

In 1967, Kalaignar himself was selected for the Kalaimamani Award for Best Dialogue Writer. At that time, Perarignar Anna was the Chief Minister, and Kalaignar was the Minister for Public Works. When Kalaignar's name was announced, he rose and walked towards the stage to receive the award. Anna, instead of directly presenting it, first wore the medal around his own neck, and only then placed it on Kalaignar's neck — celebrating Kalaignar's honour as his own.

Although Kalaignar evolved through many roles — as a writer, playwright, lyricist, political leader, and Chief Minister — the title 'Kalaignar' remains his everlasting identity.

To all the artists receiving awards today, I wish to say: It is not that you are honoured by receiving the Kalaimamani Award — rather, it is Tamil Nadu's pride to have such talented artists as you.

In 2009, at this very Kalaivanar Arangam, after presenting the Kalaimamani Awards, Dr. Kalaignar said from this same stage: "You may win national or international awards, but no award can equal a mother's kiss. The Kalaimamani Award is equivalent to that mother's kiss." Today, our Hon'ble Chief Minister is presenting to you that very award — one equivalent to a mother's affectionate kiss.

After our Government came to power, the monthly financial assistance for indigent artists was increased from Rs. 2,000 to Rs.3,000 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Likewise, the annual allocation for this Mandram was raised from Rs.3 crore to Rs.4 crore.

Likewise, the Pongal festival is celebrated every year in every District. During these celebrations, various cultural programs such as Isai Sangamam and Kalai Sangamam are continuously organized — providing opportunities for all artists and reviving our traditional art forms. Across Tamil Nadu, art festivals are being conducted regularly.

Recently, five distinguished Tamil authors who brought out exceptional works on the arts were each granted an incentive of Rs.2 lakh. Our Government continues its efforts to provide housing for writers and to build memorial halls in honour of distinguished deceased authors.

I wish to make one personal request to all the artists here: Please do not keep your art confined within yourselves. Pass it on to the next generation — train today's students and youth, inspire them, and let your talents live on through them.

Use social media platforms such as YouTube, Instagram, and X (Twitter) to showcase your art to the world. Let art not merely remain entertainment, but also become a force that contributes to social development.

Under the guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, I extend my heartfelt appreciation and congratulations once again to Brother Vaagai Chandrasekhar, Sister Vijaya Thayanban, and everyone from this Mandram who have organized this event so wonderfully. The Tamil Nadu Iyal, Isai, Nataka Mandram will always stand in support of the growth and progress of artists.

I once again convey my heartfelt congratulations and sincere appreciation to all the artists who have been honoured with the Kalaimamani awards in various categories. I express my profound gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for granting me this opportunity, I conclude my address.

Nandri, Vanakkam! ■

Incentives and Certificates Presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to Skilled Construction Workers - 06.10.2025

News in picture

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented incentives and certificates to workers who had completed skill development training in various trades such as construction, bar bending, carpentry, and electrical work under the Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board, at the Secretariat on 06.10.2025.

Let us practice thrift! Let us save! Let us prosper!

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, on World Thrift Day - 29.10.2025.

Every year, October 30 is observed as World Thrift Day to create awareness about the importance of saving.

More than 2,000 years ago, the great sage Thiruvalluvar highlighted the importance of managing income and expenses efficiently in his Thirukkural — the universal book of wisdom, thus:

"Plan well, increase your income, Use your resources wisely, Remove obstacles, And act with skill."

In ancient times, people used clay hundis to save money. From those unsafe methods, we have now moved to safer options such as banks and post offices. Everyone should save a part of his/her income — and it must be kept safely.

The money we save gives confidence and security in old age. By saving little by little, families can easily meet urgent needs — like higher education, marriage, medical expenses, or building a house. Therefore, we should reduce unnecessary spending, live within our income, and make saving a habit.

To lead a better life, I urge everyone to open savings accounts at nearby post offices and start saving regularly.

News in Picture

Police Commemoration Day - 21.10.2025

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid homage by placing a wreath at the Police Memorial, in the event held in connection with Police Commemoration Day at the Tamil Nadu Police Headquarters campus Chennai on 21.10.2025.

Let us Know

Tamil Nadu leads in voluntary blood donation

- At the Union level, Tamil Nadu's Department of Health and Family Welfare continues to stand as one of the pioneering States in voluntary blood donation.
- This year's National Blood Donation Day theme is: "Give Blood, Give Hope: Together We Save Lives."
- In Tamil Nadu, a total of 101 Government blood banks and 252 private blood banks are functioning effectively. Additionally, there are 415 blood storage centres operating at the Government Primary Health Centres.
- To ensure that safe and high-quality blood is available in time to all those who need it, the State has deployed 32 modern mobile blood collection vans equipped with advanced cold storage facilities, and 2 dedicated mobile blood donation buses functioning in Chennai and Madurai Districts.
- During the financial year 2024–25, a total of 9.50 lakh blood units were collected through Government and private blood banks.
- The Director General of Health Services, New Delhi, had fixed a target of 4.50 lakh blood units to be collected by Tamil Nadu Government blood banks for the year 2024–25. Through 4,354 voluntary blood donation camps, a total of 4.53 lakh blood units were collected — thus achieving 101% of the target, marking another milestone for Tamil Nadu.
- According to medical experts, the human body contains approximately 5 litres of blood. During a donation, only 350–450 millilitres of blood is taken. Healthy individuals aged 18 to 65 years are advised to donate blood — men once every 3 months, and women once every 4 months.
- Doctors emphasize that blood donation stimulates the production of new blood cells, which in turn improves the donor's health.
- Tamil Nadu uses a web-based system called e-RaktKosh to monitor the functioning of blood banks and check the availability of blood types in real time. This enables the general public to easily access blood whenever required.

- ★ Every year, the first Monday of October is observed as 'National Voluntary Blood Donation Day', to highlight the importance of blood donation.
- ★ Across all Districts, District Collectors honoured the organizers of blood donation camps as part of the District-level events. At the State level, coordinators of blood donation camps who contributed to collecting the highest number of blood units through camps were also honoured. Totally, 150 organizations, volunteers, and centres were felicitated.
- ★ From September 17 to October 2, 527 special blood donation camps were organized, registering 18,264 new blood donors. Through their contributions, 14,847 units of blood were collected in the past two months alone.

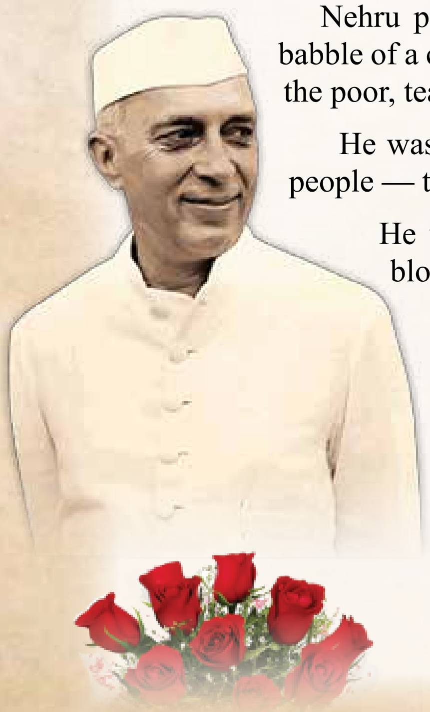
November 14 – Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

A powerful thinker with a tender touch

Nehru was a good-hearted man; many others have had his intellect, many may have it in future.

But along with intellect, he had a heart.

Intelligence is needed to transform a desert into a garden, to build machines in factories that reduce human toil, and to usher in a new era of prosperity for the nation.



Nehru possessed that intellectual power; yet, when he heard the innocent babble of a child, he would become a child himself; when he saw the suffering of the poor, tears would well up in his eyes in compassion.

He was a man of a tender and loving heart. He longed to mingle with the people — to walk among them, to speak with them, to understand their hearts.

He was deeply concerned that the finest democratic traditions should blossom in our land.

Even after achieving worldwide fame, he still found time — and kept the desire — to read and listen to good poetry, enjoy music, watch plays, delight in the beauty of mountains, breathe in the fragrance of flowers, rejoice in children's laughter, and admire works of art.

For Nehru was not a leader who amazed people merely with the power of his intellect —

He was the leader who won the hearts of the people by revealing his own heart.

- Perarignar Anna

Onset of North East Monsoon

Hon’ble Chief Minister carries on field work to ensure preparedness, swift relief work

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M. K. Stalin, on 19.10.2025, visited the State Emergency Operations Centre at Ezhilagam, Chennai and conducted a review through video conferencing with District Collectors regarding the damages caused by the heavy rains following the onset of the northeast monsoon and the precautionary measures taken to face the monsoon.

Due to the onset of the northeast monsoon on 16.10.2025, widespread rainfall occurred across Tamil Nadu for three days — October 16, 17, and 18. In particular, the Districts of Kanniyakumari, Tenkasi, Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram, Theni, Coimbatore, and Nilgiris received an average rainfall of 12 mm.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu conducted a review through video conferencing

Monsoon Preparedness Review – Hon’ble Chief Minister Reviews with District Collectors via Video Conference at the Chennai Secretariat

with the District Collectors, from the State Emergency Operations Centre at Ezhilagam, Chennai, regarding the damages caused by the heavy rains in the Districts of Tiruvarur, Tenkasi, Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram, Theni, Coimbatore, and Nilgiris, as well as the precautionary measures taken to face the northeast monsoon. He instructed the District administration to expedite preparedness and relief operations and to take necessary steps to move people residing in coastal and low-lying areas to safe locations.

He also requested that camps be kept ready for accommodating the affected people and that all necessary facilities, including food, drinking water and medical assistance, be arranged for those staying in the camps.

Furthermore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, instructed that in Tiruvarur District, which has been affected by the rains, procurement activities should continue without interruption to ensure that the farming community is not affected, and that steps be taken to expedite the transportation of paddy bags procured at the direct paddy procurement centres to the warehouses.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also reviewed the precautionary measures being undertaken in Chennai in connection with the northeast monsoon and urged that special attention be given to areas prone to waterlogging.

The Chief Secretary, Thiru. N.Muruganandam, I.A.S., explained to the Hon'ble Chief Minister the rescue and relief operations being carried out in the Districts and the details of the damages reported.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on 21.10.2025, held a review meeting at the Secretariat through video conferencing with the District Collectors regarding the damages caused by the heavy rains following the onset of the northeast monsoon in the Districts of Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, and Chengalpattu, as well as in the delta Districts of Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur and Thanjavur, and the precautionary measures undertaken in those Districts.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, conducted a review through video conferencing with the District Collectors regarding the damages caused by the heavy rains in the Districts of Tiruvallur, Chennai, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, and the delta Districts of Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur and Thanjavur, as well as the precautionary measures undertaken to face the northeast monsoon. He instructed the District administration to take necessary steps to move people residing in coastal and low-lying areas to safe locations and to carry out relief operations. It is noteworthy that these Districts have received an average rainfall of 56.61 mm.

In this meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed the officials that camps be kept ready to accommodate people in case of rain-related damages and that all necessary facilities, including food, drinking water and medical assistance, be arranged for those staying in the camps.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu urged the officials to pay special attention to areas prone to water logging and reviewed the precautionary measures being undertaken in Chennai in connection with the northeast monsoon.

It was informed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister that all necessary equipment, including JCB machines, boats, motor pumps, wood cutters, lorries, as well as 51,639 electric poles, 1,849 transformers, and 1,187 power conductors, have been kept ready to carry out restoration works in the Districts of Tiruvallur, Chennai, Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu, and the delta Districts of Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, and Thanjavur, in case of rain-related damages.

During the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed matters related to paddy procurement, storage, transportation, and milling. During this review, he instructed that paddy procurement activities should continue without interruption in the delta Districts of Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur and Thanjavur, which have been affected by the rains, so that the farming community does not suffer. He also directed that measures be taken to protect the paddy bags from rain damage and to expedite the transportation of paddy bags received at the direct procurement centres to the warehouses.

Furthermore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister pointed out that the Government of Tamil Nadu had sent a proposal to the Union Government on 19.10.2025 seeking relaxation of the moisture content limit from 17 percent to 22 percent, and instructed the officials to take swift action in this regard.

With regard to Greater Chennai, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu instructed the officials to take necessary measures through the Greater Chennai Corporation to remove stagnant rainwater in low-lying areas using motor pumps and machinery, to repair the damaged electric poles and ensure uninterrupted power supply, and to take prompt action on rain-related complaints received at the control room of the Greater

Hon'ble Chief Minister Reviews with District Collectors via Video Conference at the State Emergency Operations Centre, Ezhilagam, Chennai

Chennai Corporation.

After this review, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K.Stalin instructed the Monitoring Officers appointed for the Districts where orange/red alerts have been issued by the India Meteorological Department to immediately proceed to their respective Districts and review the precautionary measures to be undertaken there.

With regard to Chennai, the Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed the Indian Administrative Service Zonal Officers appointed for the 15 zones to immediately commence the precautionary measures to be undertaken in their respective zones.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K.Stalin, personally inspected the desilting works being carried out at the estuary where the Adyar River joins the sea.

Subsequently, on 24.10.2025, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru M.K. Stalin, visited and inspected the desilting works being carried out at the estuary near Srinivasapuram, Chennai, where the Adyar River joins the sea, and instructed the officials to expedite the widening works of the estuary and complete them at the earliest.

The Adyar River, one of the three major rivers in Chennai city, originates from the Adhanur Lake and flows for a total distance of 42.38 km before joining the Bay of Bengal near Pattinapakkam and Srinivasapuram.

At present, due to the ongoing heavy rainfall and the rapid rise in the water level of the Chembarambakkam Lake, 945 cubic feet of water was released on 24.10.2025.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had already directed that the mouth of the Adyar River be widened by about 150 metres. Following this, during his inspection, the Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the de-silting and widening works being carried out at the river mouth using Poclain and JCB machines. He instructed officials to immediately remove the heaps of sand excavated along the riverbank and to deploy two additional Poclain machines to expedite the widening and de-silting operations in the river mouth area.

Furthermore, the Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed officials to form a monitoring team comprising officers from the Water Resources Department and the Greater Chennai Corporation, under the leadership of the Zonal

Hon'ble Chief Minister Inspects Dredging Work at the Adyar River Mouth near Srinivasapuram, Chennai

Deputy Commissioner of the Corporation, to continuously monitor the estuary area of the Adyar River, where it joins the sea, throughout the northeast monsoon season.

Following that, the Hon'ble Chief Minister once again instructed the officials to carry out the works with utmost priority and complete them swiftly within two days.

On 26.10.2025, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thiru. M.K. Stalin, once again inspected the de-silting and widening works at the mouth of the Adyar River and instructed the officials to carry out the works on a war footing and complete them within two days.

As the Hon'ble Chief Minister had already instructed the widening of the Adyar River mouth to about 150 metres, upon reinspection, he directed the officials to de-silt and widen it further to 200 metres swiftly.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the number of machines has been gradually increased, and at present, 14 Poclain machines and 4 JCB machines are being used to remove the sand heaps and carry out the widening works at the mouth area of the Adyar River. He instructed that these works should be completed quickly within two days and that the officials of the Water Resources Department and the Corporation should continue the monitoring activities.

To expedite these works, he instructed the officials to involve additional field engineers and carry out the dredging and widening operations.

He also instructed the officials to dredge and widen the estuary areas located at Cooum, Muttukadu, and Ennore Kosasthalaiyar regions.

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, inspected the South Chennai region.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has been carrying

out various works under the supervision of the Water Resources Department and the Greater Chennai Corporation to ensure that even during unexpected heavy rains and flooding, water does not stagnate in Chennai. These works include deepening and widening of canals, construction of covered canals with concrete walls, establishment of storm water drains, and continuous de-silting at the points where canals join the sea and at estuary areas.

As a result, in recent years, even when there was heavy rainfall within just a few hours, the floodwater drained away within a short time, allowing traffic to resume quickly. Continuing this effort, rain and flood prevention works are being carried out in various parts of Chennai to effectively handle sudden floods caused by cloudbursts and heavy rainfall occurring in different parts of India in recent times.

To review these works and expedite the remaining tasks, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, on 20.10.2025, personally inspected and reviewed the ongoing structural development and repair works being carried out in the South Chennai region to improve the waterways and ensure the smooth flow of rainwater into the sea during the monsoon season.

As the first step, he personally inspected and reviewed the works being carried out at the Okkiyam Maduvu canal, where, as part of the projects undertaken, at an estimated cost of Rs. 27 crore, the widening and restoration of the canal banks were in progress at Karapakkam, in the area where the Chennai Metro Rail flyover construction is underway, to ensure the smooth flow of water without obstruction.

Subsequently, as part of the works being carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 27 crore in the Okkiyam Maduvu canal, he inspected the de-silting activities at Kannagi Nagar, undertaken to ensure that water from the

Field Inspection of Medavakkam Junction Area, Chennai

Pallikaranai marshland flows easily into the sea, and observed the smooth flow of water along the right bank of the canal near the private college area.

He also inspected the desilting works being carried out beneath the Okkiyam Maduvu Karapakkam bridge and the widening of the right bank along the road leading to another private college. He observed the removal of sand deposits in that area, the strengthening of the left bank at Kannagi Nagar, and the construction of a retaining wall. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister instructed the officials of the Water Resources Department to expedite the completion of the restoration and structural development works.

In the Sholinganallur area, to facilitate the smooth flow of water through the marshland, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister inspected the newly constructed high-level bridge built by the Highways Department, connecting Medavakkam and Sholinganallur. He also instructed the officials of the Highways Department to promptly demolish and remove the old bridge and carry out necessary restoration works to ensure that floodwater flows easily and without obstruction during the monsoon season.

Subsequently, on 22.10.2025, he personally inspected and reviewed the basic facilities provided for the public at the central kitchen and the temporary relief centre set up in the community welfare hall located on Venkatarangam Street, Thiruvallikeni, which falls under the Chennai Chepauk–Thiruvallikeni Assembly Constituency.

He then personally inspected and reviewed the readiness of the infrastructural facilities required for food preparation at the central kitchen located on Ayya Street, Chintadripet, and also visited the relief centre set up at the Chennai High School on West Cooum Road, Chintadripet, where mats, pillows, and other essential items for the accommodation of the public were kept ready, along with other basic amenities.

Later, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister personally inspected and reviewed the storm water drain construction works being carried out at the Anna Salai–G.P. Road junction area, which falls under the Chepauk–Thiruvallikeni Assembly Constituency.

During these inspections, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister advised

Hon'ble Chief Minister Inspects Dredging Work in Captain Cotton Canal under Tondiarpet Zone, Chennai

all the Departmental officials to carry out their duties and provide the necessary assistance to the public with a sense of dedication to help them face the heavy rains during the northeast monsoon season.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, inspected the desilting works being carried out in the ponds and canals under the Tondiarpet zone.

On 27.10.2025, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, visited Ambedkar College in the Vyasarpadi area under the Tondiarpet Zone of the Greater Chennai Corporation, where he viewed the de-silting works being carried out in the Vyasarpadi canal along with a photo exhibition explaining the project. He then personally inspected and reviewed the de-silting works being carried out using Poclain and floating Poclain machines,at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.85 crore in the Captain Cotton Canal near Don Bosco School in the Vyasarpadi area.

He then personally inspected and reviewed the desilting works being carried out at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.75 crore in the Kodungaiyur Canal located in the Vyasarpadi area under the Tondiarpet Zone. He also inspected the desilting operations being carried out using a floating Poclain machine at the Link Canal Bridge area on Manali Road.

In the Goods Shed area of the Greater Chennai Corporation's Tondiarpet Zone, a pond had previously been established on 2.51 acres of land within a total area of 9.64 acres owned by the Railways. To enhance rainwater storage capacity, the Corporation has undertaken works to widen and deepen the pond, incorporating the remaining 7.13 acres, thereby covering the entire 9.64-acre area. As a result, this pond will now hold a larger volume of water, significantly reducing rainwater stagnation in the surrounding residential areas. The excess water from this pond will flow into the Buckingham Canal.

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister personally inspected and reviewed the widening and deepening works of the Goods Shed pond. He continuously reviewed the desilting operations and instructed the officials

Hon'ble Chief Minister Inspects Encroachment Removal and Widening Work at the Confluence of Virugambakkam Canal with Cooum River, West Sulurmedu, Namasivayapuram, Chennai

to expedite and complete all the works at the earliest.

A surprise inspection at the Command and Control Centre functioning at the Greater Chennai Corporation office.

At the Greater Chennai Corporation office, a Command and Control Centre has been established, where continuous 24-hour monitoring is carried out regarding the amount of rainfall in various parts of the city, traffic movement in subways through surveillance cameras, water levels in the corporation's drains, and the situation at the river mouths where they join the sea, with appropriate actions being taken accordingly.

As per the instructions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, who had inspected various areas under the Corporation yesterday, conducted a surprise inspection at the Command and Control Centre functioning at the Greater Chennai Corporation office early in the morning on 28.10.2025.

He made inspections to find out whether the complaints received through the 1913 helpline at the control room were properly recorded in the registers and also reviewed the actions taken regarding those complaints.

During this inspection, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister reviewed at the Command and Control Centre the number of complaints received through social media, the details of those complaints, the photos and videos sent by the complainants, the actions taken on them, the time taken to respond, and the feedback given by the complainants after the rectification work was completed. He also interacted with the staff handling social media complaints and conducted a review through the computer system.

He also conducted a detailed review to verify whether the complaints were immediately conveyed to the respective zonal corporation officials concerned and examined the time taken by the officials to resolve those complaints.

He made inspections through the surveillance cameras in the control centre to check whether heavy rainfall was occurring and whether traffic was moving smoothly in the various subways by observing each subway individually.

He also inquired in detail about the number of staff working in the control room on a rotational basis and the nature of the tasks being carried out by them.

November 23: – Birth Anniversary of Poet Suradha

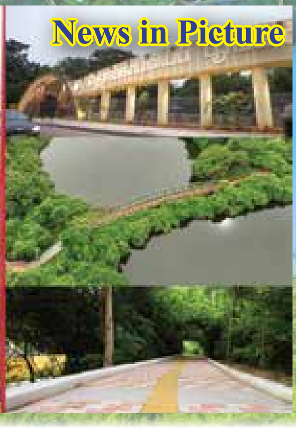
The Moon

It grows like the company of good people.
In a few days her wet body weakens.
It is the beautiful aircraft
Stirring the sweet-wording poets.
It pins its love on the heaven.
It is a pretty virgin wandering naked.
It is the mute crawling in the noisy cloudy sky.
Oh! It is a silver tortoise.
It is waning with wasting pallor.
It bleaches out the darkness of the night.
It is as pleased as a mother's heart.
It is like a disc in shape.

- Poet Suradha

Inauguration of renovated Tholkappia Poonga - 24.10.2025

News in Picture



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** reopened the renovated Tholkappia Poonga at Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai, on 24.10.2025, for public use. The park has been upgraded with modern facilities including a new entrance gateway, watchtower, viewing gallery, and children's play area, among others, at a cost of Rs. 42.45 crore by the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust under the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin and Hon'ble Ministers participated in the event.

Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister: 28 lakh women have applied for Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai of Rs. 1,000 a month

Reply of the Hon’ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, during the discussion on the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly – 16.10.2025

Hon’ble Speaker Sir,

Our Hon’ble Chief Minister launched the ‘Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme’ on September 15, 2023, the birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna, drawing the attention of the entire nation. This scheme, which ensures the economic empowerment of women, provides a monthly financial assistance to about 1.14 crore women across Tamil Nadu.

To be precise, from September 2023 till now — over the past 26 months, as of today, October 16, 2025 — each woman beneficiary has received Rs.1,000 per month, totalling approximately Rs.26,000 per person. So far, the Government of Tamil Nadu has disbursed around Rs.30,000 crore under this Magalir Urimai Thogai scheme.

To ensure that more women benefit, the Hon’ble Chief Minister has relaxed certain eligibility conditions. For example, even families owning four-wheelers under Government subsidy, or families receiving Old Age Pensions (OAP), will now have eligible women members included under this scheme. The Hon’ble Chief Minister announced these relaxations in this very Assembly.

In order to bring Government services directly to the people, the Hon’ble Chief Minister launched the ‘Ungaludan Stalin’ scheme on 19.06.2025. Through these camps, the Government provides 45 services across 15 Departments in rural areas and 43 services across 13 Departments in urban areas. During these camps, applications are also accepted under the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai Scheme. The Government had announced that 10,000 such camps would be held till November 15, 2025. As of October 15, 2025, 9,055 camps have already been conducted. These camps have received a tremendous response from the public; so far, 28 lakh women have submitted applications seeking the Women’s Rights Grant through the ‘Ungaludan Stalin’ camps. The ‘Ungaludan Stalin’ outreach will conclude on November 14, 2025. Meanwhile, the new applications received for the scheme are being field-inspected by the Revenue Department. All these verification

processes will be completed by November 30, 2025. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that based on the eligibility determined through these inspections, the new beneficiaries should begin receiving the Kalaignar Magalir Urimai Thogai from December 15, 2025.

Through this Assembly, I wish to share this important announcement with all members.

Our Dravidian Model Government will always stand as a pillar of support for the economic self-reliance of women in Tamil Nadu. Thank you for the opportunity.

November 8: Birth Anniversary of Veeramamunivar

Came to spread his religion, but rendered great service to Tamil

If I were to forget one thing, it would not merely be my personal failing — it would be a moment when the entire Tamil community would stand guilty of ingratitude.

Veeramamunivar has rendered service to Tamil and the Tamil language. The services he has rendered are remarkable.

During the World Tamil Conference, Perarignar Anna gave us a memorable directive:

"Along this entire seashore, we must erect statues of all those who toiled for Tamil, who lived for Tamil, who enriched, spread, and glorified Tamil."

Among those statues proudly stands the statue of Veeramamunivar, the creator of 'Chathurakarathi' (the Tamil Lexicon).

He first came to Tamil Nadu as a Christian missionary — around 1710, I think — arriving initially in Goa. Later, he resided in the Districts of Tirunelveli, Tiruchirapalli, and Thanjavur, where he carried out his religious service.

Alongside his missionary work, he mastered the Tamil language and developed the skill to compose literary works.

Adopting the ways of a Tamil ascetic — in dress, manner, and food — he transformed himself into the revered Veeramamunivar.

He compiled words from the first letter (Agaram) to the last (lagaram) and created the monumental dictionary "Chathurakarathi."

He also authored the Tamil grammar treatise "Thonnoolvilakkam."

Moreover, he holds the great distinction of translating the first two sections on the Ethical (Aram) and economic and political values (Porul) of the Thirukkural into Latin.

Thus, though he came to Tamil Nadu for the purpose of religious propagation, he not only stirred spiritual feelings among the people but also awakened in them a deep love for the Tamil language.

For this, Tamil scholar Veeramamunivar remains a figure of enduring honour — one who infused Tamil consciousness into countless hearts.

*- Speech delivered by **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** on 14.07.1999 at the function for granting funds to establish the Centre for Christian Studies at Madurai Kamarajar University.*

Let us Know

Admission to TNAU undergraduate courses based only on Plus 2 marks, no entrance test

- A total of 46 agricultural colleges are functioning under the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, including 18 constituent colleges and 28 affiliated colleges (private).
- In these colleges, admission is being done for 5,250 seats for 14 Bachelor of Agriculture degrees, for students, who have passed the second year of the Higher Secondary Education, according to the rank of the marks obtained by them. No common entrance examination is being conducted for admission of students.
- In the current year, out of the 5,250 student admission seats approved, 4,274 seats have been filled so far and classes are being held from 12.09.2025.
- Out of the 2,516 student seats in the 18 constituent colleges of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, 2,441 seats (97 percent) have been filled. All these student admissions have been done only according to the rank of marks in the Higher Secondary Education General Examination.
- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has announced that 20 per cent of the undergraduate seats in all state agricultural universities in India will now be filled through the Common University Entrance Test (CUET).
- Out of the admissions allowed in the colleges recognized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the 18 constituent colleges of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, 272 additional admissions seats have been handed over to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for filling up on an all-India basis, excluding 7.5 percent Government school quota, 5 percent differently-abled quota, 5 percent vocational & sports quota and ex-servicemen quota, out of the remaining 1,361 seats.
- This 20 percent reservation of seats by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) will not affect the admission of students already being conducted by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on the basis of Higher Secondary General Examination marks. Tamil Nadu students can also apply for these 20 percent seats by writing a competitive examination. Moreover, such a reservation system is also in force at the Tamil Nadu Veterinary Science University and the TamilNadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University.
- The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has announced that only for the 20 percent quota of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), announced by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, a public examination will be conducted at the all-India level and admission will be done for the 5,250 seats that are being conducted by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University annually on the basis of Higher Secondary General Examination marks, and the admission of students for the 5,250 seats that are being conducted by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on the basis of the current marks.
- In the current year, appropriate guidelines for admission to Bachelor of Agriculture education have been formulated. A committee headed by Justice R. Pongiappan of the Madras High Court has been constituted to fix the tuition fees including fees in 28 affiliated colleges (private), and a committee headed by Hon. Justice N. Kirubakaran of the Madras High Court has

been constituted to monitor the admission of students to Bachelor of Agriculture degree courses in affiliated colleges (private), and appropriate orders have been issued and steps are being taken.

- In order to increase the enrolment in undergraduate agricultural education in Tamil Nadu and for the benefit of students taking up agricultural education, students studying in Government schools and getting admission under the 7.5 percent reservation are given full exemption from tuition fees and lodging and boarding fees. Scholarships are provided to first generation graduates, Adi Dravidars, tribals, backward classes and most backward classes, and scholarships are provided to eligible students under the Pudhumai Penn and Tamil Pudhalvan schemes by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Birth anniversary of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan - 01.10.2025

News in Picture

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tribute to the portrait of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan, placed near his statue at the Sivaji Ganesan Manimandapam in Adyar, Chennai, on the occasion of the 98th birth anniversary of Sivaji Ganesan, on 01.10.2025.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, visited the photo exhibition organized at the memorial of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan Adyar, Chennai, on 01.10.2025, to mark the 98th birth anniversary of the Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan.

Great schemes praised by the people

Then...

Bananas in Nutritious Meal Scheme

As it was found that the food provided to children lacked sufficient nutrition, the idea arose to serve eggs to improve their diet. Based on that thought, first one egg, then two, and later three eggs were served as part of the school midday meal. Thus, the children received what could truly be called a nutritious meal. Along with this nourishment, they also experienced the joy of learning.

However, since vegetarian children did not eat eggs, to ensure that they too received nutrition, the **'Scheme for Providing Bananas in Nutritious Meals'** was launched, under which each vegetarian child was given one banana as part of the midday meal to help them grow healthily. This scheme was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar**, at Thousand Lights, Chennai, on 15.07.2008.

Now...

Expansion of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme to Urban Areas

To further promote school education, make learning more enjoyable and ensure that every child gains knowledge without hunger, the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme was expanded to cover all Government and Government-aided primary schools in urban areas of Tamil Nadu.

Through this expansion, 3.06 lakh students studying from Classes 1 to 5 in these schools benefit daily. The expansion to urban areas of the **'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme'** was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru.M.K.Stalin**, on 26.08.2025, at St. Joseph's Primary School, Mylapore, Chennai.

"We will be grateful all our lives to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for implementing the Anbu Karangal Scheme to ensure the long-term well-being of the children under our care"

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has been announcing and implementing several innovative welfare schemes every day for the benefit of the public. All such initiatives serve as a foundation for the overall development of the country.

One such significant scheme, the 'Anbu Karangal' Scheme, was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.09.2025, on behalf of the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment.

Support for Orphaned and Semi-Orphaned Children

Under this scheme, 6,052 children across Tamil Nadu who have either lost both parents or one of them are being provided with a monthly assistance of Rs.2,000, directly deposited into

their bank accounts, until they reach the age of 18.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, deeply moved by the plight of children growing up in poor families after losing both parents and being brought up by relatives, initiated this scheme to ensure their education without interruption.

In addition to the monthly support of Rs.2,000 until they turn 18, the scheme also provides opportunities for college education and appropriate skill development training after the completion of school education — ensuring a secure and self-reliant future for the children.

Implementation in Sivagangai District

In Sivagangai District, under the 'Anbu Karangal' Scheme, 144 children are receiving Rs.2,000 per month, directly credited to their bank accounts. The distribution of ID cards to the children's guardians or relatives was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation on the launch day.

Tmt. Mariammal (North Sathanur, Ilayankudi Taluk), guardian of children who are beneficiaries under the 'Anbu Karangal' Scheme

"My name is Mariammal, and I reside in North Sathanur village, Ilayankudi Taluk.

Tmt. Mariyammal

About five years ago, my daughter and son-in-law died in an accident, leaving behind two children — my grandson and granddaughter — whom I have been raising as their maternal grandmother. I was struggling to provide for their education and daily needs. In this situation, the 'Anbu Karangal' Scheme announced by our Hon'ble Chief Minister has come as a great blessing.

The monthly assistance of Rs.2,000 per child is an immense support to me.

The assurance that this support will continue till the children turn 18 brings me great relief. By implementing this thoughtful scheme, our Chief Minister has provided financial help not only for the orphaned children but also for guardians like me who care for them. We remain forever grateful to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for his compassion and concern for the future of these children."

Tmt. Revathi (Nainarpettai, Thirubuvanam Taluk), guardian of children who are beneficiaries under the 'Anbu Karangal' Scheme

"My name is Revathi, from Nainarpettai Village, Thirupuvanam Taluk.

About six months ago, my husband's younger brother and his wife passed away due to family issues, leaving behind three children.

I already have two children of my own. Now, I, along with my husband, am caring for all five children together in our household. The 'Anbu Karangal' Scheme announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been a huge help — the Rs.2,000 monthly assistance per child greatly eases our financial burden.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ensured that no child's education is hindered under any circumstances through the implementation of these schemes. In addition to providing Rs. 2,000 per month as financial assistance until

parental figure to children who have lost their parents, ensuring their care and a secure future. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for this noble and humane initiative."

Compiled by
Information and Public Relations Officer,
Sivagangai District.

Internet and OTT services to homes in rural areas soon

- Currently, more than 11,800 Gram Panchayats are connected through Optical Fibre Cable (OFC).
- During the Grama Sabha meeting, using the OFC infrastructure set up, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu held a live video conference with the representatives of the Gram Panchayats elected during the Grama Sabha meeting on 11.10.2025.
- This was telecast live to 10,000 Gram Panchayats across the state.

Changes in selection of franchisees

- Initially, a notification was issued for selection of service providers (Franchisee Partners) on a Gram Panchayat-wise basis. There was limited interest from eligible candidates for the Gram Panchayat-wise notification.
- If the Gram Panchayat-wise approach is followed, it will be challenging to generate sufficient revenue for household connections and network maintenance. There was a situation where the cost of installing ONT (Optical Network Terminal) had to be collected from the public.
- With a view to correcting the above shortcomings and creating an integrated management structure at the District level. Instead of selecting industry partners on a gram panchayat basis, it has been planned to select industry partners on a District-wise basis.
- Through this, it will be ensured that ONT equipment is installed at a low cost and quality internet service provided without charging high rates. The aim is to provide people quality internet service without heavy expenditure.
- Steps are being taken to provide internet and OTT services to homes in rural areas soon.

Success Story

Erode District

‘Heartfelt thanks to the Hon’ble Chief Minister for transport facility for students in hill villages’

With the noble aim that students from the hill villages of Erode District should continue their education without any difficulty,the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu handed over four new vehicles on 06.10.2025 to the primary schools at Kongadai, Asanur, Bargur and Thalamalai, and inaugurated their service. To prevent school dropouts and promote education in the hill areas of Tamil Nadu, the Government of Tamil Nadu has arranged for transport facilities from the residential areas to schools. On behalf of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, the Hon’ble Chief Minister donated new vehicles to 26 boarding schools in 6 Districts comprising hill villages for the use of the children.

In the Thalamalai forest range, the new vehicle service began on 09.10.2025, transporting school children from the forest villages of Kalithimbam, Mavanatham, Ramarani, Kodipuram, and Thottapuram to the residential school. The children at Kalithimbam cheerfully welcomed the new vehicle. Six children who had stopped attending school earlier eagerly got into the new van and went to school. Students from six hill villages including Sathyamangalam and Kalithimbam are now travelling safely to the Thalamalai Government Primary School using the new transport facility. Before this arrangement, children had to walk about 2 km through forest paths to reach the main road and then board a Government bus to get to school.

Similarly, students from the Kongadai and Bargur hill villages in the Anthiyur region are now also going to school using the new vehicles. One student, Velliyangiri, had completed 5th standard but could not continue to 6th standard as the school was far away. With the introduction of the new vehicle service, he has happily started attending school again.

As travel is now safe and free from wild animal threats, parents are more willing to send their children to school. The transport service for children from Mavanatham, Ramarani, Kodipuram, and Thottapuram villages continues

every day. This scheme has greatly helped in achieving 100% education growth in all the hill villages.

From the beneficiary families of Bargur and Moolaiyur hill villages in Erode District,

Tmt. Kempe

Student Lokeshwari

Tmt. Kempe and Thiru. K.P. Balan, parents of Lokeshwari (Class 4) and Dhaksith (Class 1), shared their happiness:

"Our children study in Bargur school. Earlier, they had to walk nearly 2 km through thick forests to reach school. During the rainy season, wild animals like boars, elephants, and bison made the path unsafe, so we used to send them only with an escort".

''Now, thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, who has provided vehicles for the children of poor families like ours living in hill villages, we can send our children safely and peacefully to school. Our difficulties have reduced a lot, and school dropouts will come down greatly. On behalf of all parents and the people of our hill villages, we sincerely thank the kind hearted Hon'ble Chief Minister for this thoughtful initiative."

Compiled by
Information and Public Relations Officer,
Erode District.

Let us Know

Students from Government-run ITIs create record of 96 % pass in centrally-held exams

❖ There are 132 Government industrial training institutes and 311 private vocational and industrial training institutes operating in Tamil Nadu. More than 50,000 students undergo training in these institutes every year. The vocational examinations for these institutes are conducted as a single examination for all states at the all-India level every year.

❖ A total of 46,760 students, including 27,480 boy and girl students from Government industrial training institutes and 19,280 private vocational training institute students, participated in this. Of this, 26,447 (96.24%) boy and girl students fromGovernment vocational training institute boy and girl students and 16,621 (86.21%) private vocational training institute students a total of 43,068 (92.10%) students have passed. This year, 96% of students in Government industrial training institutes have passed, which is a record.

❖ A record 40 students have secured first place at the all-India level this year as Government vocational training institutes have been upgraded to Industry 4.0 technology centres.

Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Model Question Paper with Answers

1. Under Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme an annual incentive of Rs. _____ is given to the girl child every year from the 6th Year of deposit in order to meet education expenses, the value is

   (A) Rs. 1,000/- (B) Rs. 1,200/-

   (C) Rs. 1,800/- (D) Rs. 2,000/-

2. Which Housing Scheme assures a house not only to the homeless slum dwellers but to the urban poor, LIG and MIG categories?

   (A) MUDF (B) TNUDP

   (C) JNNURM (D) PMAY(U)

3. Dr. Dharmambal Ammaiyar Ninaivu Assistance was given to which category of women?

   (A) Poor Women Marriage Financial Assistance

   (B) Nutrition Food for Women

   (C Widow Remarriage Financial Assistance Scheme

   (D) Marriage Assistance for Orphan girls

4. Post Covid-19 _______ percentage of economic growth increased at constant price in TN.

   (A) 11% (B) 8% (C) 6% (D) 5%

5. Which of the following is incorrectly paired?

   (1) Child Helpline - 1098

   (2) Women Helpline - 1090

   (3) Cyber Crime Helpline - 1940

   (4) Coastal Security Helpline - 1093

   (A) (1) and (2) (B) (2) and (3) (C) (3) and (4) (D) (1) and (4)

6. The goal of the Public Distribution system in Tamil Nadu is to ensure ________ to all citizens.

(A) Food security (B) Equal distribution

(C) Social security (D) Economic security

7. Read the following:

(I) Dream Home Scheme for Tamil Scholars.

(II) 15 cents of land free of cost in the preferred places in their native District.

(III) Tamil writers benefit through the scheme in Tamil Nadu.

(IV) Only 5 cents of land for those writers.

(A) (I), (IV) only (B) (II), (III) only

(C) (III), (IV) only (D) (I), (III) only

8. Match the following reformist with their life period:

(a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy 1. 1858-1962

(b) Jotiba Phule 2. 1842-1901

(c) M.G. Ranade 3. 1828-1890

(d) D.K. Karve 4. 1772-1833

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	2	3	4
(B)	1	2	4	3
(C)	4	3	2	1
(D)	1	3	2	4

9. Choose the correct one which is not included in Human Development Index estimate.

(A) Life expectancy (B) Education

(C) Per capita income (D) Birth rate

10. Consider the following Districts of Tamil Nadu:

(1) Kanniyakumari (2) Vellore (3) Ariyalur (4) Coimbatore (5) Tuticorin

Select the top three Districts in Child Development Index.

(A) (1), (2) and (3) only
(B) (2), (4) and (5) only
(C) (1), (3) and (4) only
(D) (1), (4) and (5) only

11. P, Q, R, S, T and U are six members in a family in which there are two married couples. T a teacher is married to a doctor who is mother of R and U. Q the lawyer is married to P. P has one son and one grand son. Of the two married ladies one is a housewife. There is also one student and one male engineer in the family. Who among the following is the housewife?

(A) P
(B) Q
(C) S
(D) T

12. If A = Z = 1, B = Y = 2, C = X = 3, ... etc. Which one is wrong?

(A) M = N
(B) M + N = L + O + A + Z
(C) A + B + C = X + Y + Z
(D) E,G, J are prime numbers

13. A does 20% less work than B. If A can complete a piece of work in $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours then B can do it in?

(A) 6 hours
(B) $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours
(C) $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours
(D) $6\frac{3}{4}$ hours

14. If 4 men can complete a work in 3 days and 3 women can complete that work in 6 days, then which one of the following is not true?

(A) 8 men and 6 women can complete the work in one day

(B) 6 men and 8 women can complete the work in one day

(C) 12 men can complete the work in one day

(D) 18 women can complete the work in one day

15. The area of circle increased by 66 sq.cm. If its radius is increased by 1 cm. Find the area of new circle.

(A) $\frac{2}{7} \times 10^3$
(B) $\frac{2}{7} \times 9^3$
(C) $\frac{2}{7} \times 11^3$
(D) $\frac{2}{7} \times 12^3$

Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission

16. The population of a town is increasing at the rate of 6% per annum. It was 238765 in the year 2018. Find the population of the year 2020.

(A) 286726 (B) 268276

(C) 212500 (D) 286722

17. If the Simple Interest on Rs. 20,000 be more than the Simple Interest on Rs. 15,000 by Rs.3,000 in 5 years, the rate percent p.a. is?

(A) 9.8% (B) 10%

(C) 12% (D) 12.5%

18. If $\frac{6x+2y}{3x+4y} = \frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{x+z}{2x+3z} = \frac{3}{7}$ Then find x:y:z

(A) 4 : 15 : 4 (B) 4 : 15 : 2

(C) 3: 4: 7 (D) 4: 13: 2

19. The LCM of three different numbers in 120. Which of the following cannot be their HCF?

(A) 8 (B) 12

(C) 24 (D) 35

20. If $a = 2^2 \times 3^2$, $b = 3^2 \times 5^2$, $c = 5^2 \times 2^2$ then find the value of HCF(a^2, b^3) + HCF (b^2, c^3) + HCF (c^2, a^3)

(A) $3^6 + 2^6 + 5^6$ (B) $3^9 + 2^9 + 5^9$

(C) $2^3 + 3^6 + 5^9$ (D) $5^3 + 3^6 + 2^9$

21. During one year, the population of a town increased by 5% and during the next year, the population decreased by 5%. If the total population is 9,975 at the end of the second year, then what was the population size in the beginning of the first year?

(A) 9,500 (B) 10,500

(C) 9,975 (D) 10,000

22. What fraction should be added to the sum $5\frac{3}{4}$, $4\frac{4}{5}$ and $7\frac{3}{8}$ to make the result a whole number?

(A) $\frac{1}{40}$ (B) $\frac{2}{40}$ (C) $\frac{3}{40}$ (D) $\frac{4}{40}$

23. The causative organism of Whooping Cough

(A) Bordetella pertussis (B) Diphtheria antitoxin

(C) Streptococcal pneumonia (D) Salmonella paratyphi

24. The major practice involved Rote learning is learning by

(A) In-depth subject (B) Concepts

(C) Repetition (D) Higher order thinking

25. Plants that endures best at lower light intensity are called

(A) Heliophytes (B) Halophytes

(C) Sciophytes (D) Sporophytes

Answers

1.—(C)	2.—(D)	3.—(C)	4.—(B)	5.—(B)
6.—(A)	7.—(C)	8.—(C)	9.—(D)	10.—(D)
11.—(A)	12.—(D)	13.—(A)	14.—(B)	15.—(C)
16.—(B)	17.—(C)	18.—(B)	19.—(D)	20.—(A)
21.—(D)	22.—(C)	23.—(A)	24.—(C)	25.—(C)

The best article written on the following topic will be featured in next month's issue with a photograph and a special prize will be given.

Topic:

Explain the benefits that students from Classes 1 to 5 studying in Government-aided schools located in urban areas are gaining from the expansion of the globally pioneering Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme.

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Nalam Kaakkum Stalin,
a great scheme for the long-term health and well-being of the people of Tamil Nadu

A special article contributed by Thiru. P. Manivannan
to Tamilarasu magazine...

Taking Healthcare to the People

The 'Nalam Kaakkum Stalin' scheme, launched by the Tamil Nadu Government, is a major health initiative designed to take high-quality medical services directly to people. Under the scheme, 1,256 special medical camps have been conducted in rural areas, slums, and tribal regions where healthcare is not easily available. This proactive approach has already benefited over 4.44 lakh people across the state.

By setting up camps in local schools and colleges, the scheme removes barriers like travel costs and lost wages, making it easier for everyone to get the care they need. The impact is clear in Districts like Erode, where 9,453 people attended the camps, and Salem, which saw over 9,500 beneficiaries.

A Focus on Early Detection and Comprehensive Care

A key benefit of the scheme is its focus on early detection of serious health issues. This is especially important in Tamil Nadu, where non-communicable diseases (NCDs) cause over 75% of all deaths. Studies show that the prevalence of hypertension in the state is 33.9% and diabetes is 17.6%.

The camps directly address this by providing free check-ups and a wide range of diagnostic tests. For example, in Salem, camps provided 7,427 blood tests, 5,703 ECGs, and 1,143 echo screenings to residents.

Each camp offers consultations with specialists from 17 different medical fields, including cardiology, neurology, and gynaecology. This gives people in remote areas access to expert advice that they would normally have to travel to a city for. The camps prioritize vulnerable groups, including people over 40, pregnant mothers, children, and those with disabilities, ensuring that care reaches those who need it most.

More Than Just a Medical Check-up

The Nalam Kaakkum Stalin scheme provides complete support that goes beyond medical treatment. A standout feature is the on-the-spot registration for the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme (CMCHIS), which provides a financial safety

net for serious illnesses. In Tiruchi, 110 people were enrolled in this insurance scheme through the camps.

Officials at the camps also help people with disabilities get the Government recognition certificates they need to access other benefits. At the Tiruchi camps, 85 people received their disability certificates.

Furthermore, every person who attends a camp receives a personal 'medical history' report with all their test results. This empowers them with their own health information, which is useful for any future medical consultations.

By combining medical care with financial and social support, the scheme offers a holistic solution to improve the long-term health and well-being of the people of Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu launched a new scheme called '**Nalam Kaakkum Stalin**' on 02.08.2025. The above write up is the response of Thiru. P Manivannan from Dindigul District to the announcement in the September issue of the Tamilarasu magazine calling for articles describing the benefits experienced by beneficiaries of the Scheme.

Floral tribute on Marudhu Pandiyar Memorial Day - 24.10.2025

News in picture

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Environment and Climate Change Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Thiru. Ma.Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru. P. K. Sekar Babu, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R. Priya, Member of Parliament Tmt. Thamizhachi Thangapandian, Deputy Mayor Thiru. M. Mahesh Kumar, Secretary to Government, Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department Tmt.V. Amuthavalli, I.A.S., Director of Information and Public Relations Department Dr. R. Vaithinathan, I.A.S., and senior Government officials paid floral tribute to a portrait of the Marudhu Pandiyars placed near the statues on the occasion of their Memorial Day, at the Gandhi Mandapam premises in Guindy, Chennai on 24.10.2025 .

En Palli! En Perumai!! Competition

Thiru. **M.P.Saminathan**

Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Development, Information & Publicity

Thiru. **Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi**

Honourable Minister for School Education

To scan the QR code and view the winners creatives.

(16-10-2025) 70 winners of the "En Palli! En Perumai!!" competition organized by the Media Hub, Department of Information and Public Relations were felicitated with certificates and medals at the Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on (16-10-2025).

- **1498** in the En Palli En Parvaiyil Competition
- **654** in the Naandhan En Palli Paechalar Competition
- **1613** in the Naan Oviyan Competition
- **1362** in the En Kathai En Eluthil Competition
- **803** in the En Anbana Asiriyar Competition
- **845** in the En Palli En Ninaivugal Competition
- **643** in the Pallikoodam Vandhaenae Competition
- **745** in the En Anbana Asiriyar Competition
- **435** in the Kalvikana Tamilnadu Arasin Thitangal Competition
- **654** in the En Munedupugal - Reels Competition

Totally 9252 members participated in these 10 categories.

Painting/Drawing Competition

THE CHIEF MINISTER'S TROPHY 2025

களம் நமதே!

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin**, distributed incentive cheques to sportsmen and sportswomen who won medals in international events, at the valedictory function of the Chief Minister's Trophy 2025 competitions, held at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium, Chennai on 14.10.2025. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.Udhayanidhi Stalin** was with him on the occasion.

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மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர்

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin honoured film actor Vikram Prabhu with the Kalaimamani award, a gold medal weighing 3 sovereigns and a certificate of honour at the function for presenting the Kalaimamani awards for 2021, 2022 and 2023, held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 11.10.2025. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin also participated in the function.

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